

TOWN OFFICERS, . . . . 1871.

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TOWN CLERK:  
FRANKLIN ESTE.

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SELECTMEN:  
DEXTER NEWTON. WILLIAM H. BUCK.  
HARVEY NEWTON.

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ASSESSORS:  
JAMES WILLIAMS. DEXTER NEWTON.  
NELSON GILMORE.

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:  
GEORGE C. HARLOW. HOSEA P. PIERCE.  
BENJAMIN F. PIERCE.

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TREASURER AND COLLECTOR:  
FRANKLIN ESTE.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
DEXTER NEWTON. D. W. MITCHELL.  
R. GODDARD.

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CONSTABLES:  
LORENZO WALKER. S. C. BEALS.

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HIGHWAY SURVEYORS:  
JOSEPH BURNETT. WILLIAM H. BUCK.  
CURTIS NEWTON.

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AUDITORS:  
DANA FLAGG. PETER FAY.  
TROWBRIDGE BRIGHAM.

# REPORT.

## TOWN ASSETS.

Uncollected Taxes, . . . . .	\$1,234 98
Cash in Treasury, . . . . .	1,348 17
Due from State, . . . . .	630 00
	<hr/> \$3,213 15

## TOWN DEBT.

Date of Note.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	When Payable.	Amount.
Dec. 18, 1860,	Industrial School, . . . . .	On demand, .	\$5,000 00
May 2, 1861,	" . . . . .	May 2, 1871,	7,000 00
Nov. 1, 1863,	Fay Library, . . . . .	On demand, .	500 00
Sept. 10, 1869,	M. K. Johnson, . . . . .	" " .	1,200 00
30, 1869,	Worcester Mutual Fire Ins. Co.,	" " .	10,000 00
July 1, 1870,	W. P. Willson, . . . . .	" " .	4,000 00
Feb. 1, 1870,	Dolly Bond, . . . . .	" " .	1,000 00
4, 1870,	M. P. Clifford, . . . . .	" " .	750 00
21, 1870,	Worcester Mutual Fire Ins. Co.,	" " .	10,000 00
Apr. 27, 1870,	Fay Library, . . . . .	" " .	1,000 00
			<hr/> \$40,450 00
Interest on above notes, . . . . .			838 00
			<hr/> \$41,288 00
Deduct assets, . . . . .			3,213 15
			<hr/> \$38,074 85
Balance of indebtedness, Mar. 3, 1871,			
" of indebtedness, Mar. 4, 1870,			37,934 34
			<hr/> \$140 51

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FRANKLIN ESTE, *in account current with the TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,*  
*from March 4, 1870, to March 3, 1871.*

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Uncollected Taxes for the year 1869, . . . . .	\$995 22
Taxes for the year 1870, . . . . .	18,071 57
Interest on said taxes, . . . . .	49 85
	<hr/> \$19,116 64

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer, . . . . .	\$16,273 91
cash paid County Tax, . . . . .	1,393 46
uncollected taxes for 1869, . . . . .	311 19
uncollected taxes for 1870, . . . . .	923 79
abatement of taxes, . . . . .	214 29
	<hr/> \$19,116 64

(Signed)

FRANKLIN ESTE, *Collector.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 4, 1871.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Collector's Report, and  
 find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

(Signed)

JAMES WILLIAMS,  
 DEXTER NEWTON,  
 NELSON GILMORE,  
*Assessors of Southborough.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. F. ESTE, *Town Treasurer, in account with the TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, from March 5, 1870, to March 4, 1871.* Cr.

To cash in Town Treasury, March 5, 1870, . . .	\$1,175 44	By cash paid on Town orders, . . . . .	\$16,877 15
received of Collector, . . . . .	16,273 91	paid State Tax, . . . . .	2,575 00
received State School Fund, . . . . .	225 78	paid interest on Town debt, . . . . .	2,611 50
received Corporation Tax, . . . . .	239 98	paid interest on temporary loan, . . . . .	325 86
received Dog Fund, . . . . .	169 31	paid Life Assurance Company note, . . . . .	4,000 00
received reimbursement of State aid, . . . . .	320 00	paid Edna F. Thompson, note and interest, . . . . .	52 41
received seven lots in Cemetery, . . . . .	18 00	paid Mary J. Flagg, note and interest, . . . . .	184 42
received sale of Pauper farm, . . . . .	3,604 00	paid J. Burnett, Treasurer of Fay Library, . . . . .	348 61
received of William P. Willson, . . . . .	4,000 00	in Treasury, . . . . .	1,348 17
received of J. Burnett, Treasurer Fay Li- brary, . . . . .	1,000 00		
received sale of settees, &c., . . . . .	17 86		
received use of Town Hall, . . . . .	294 50		
received of Overseers of the Poor, . . . . .	984 34		
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	\$28,323 12		\$28,323 12

(Signed)

FRANKLIN ESTE, *Treasurer.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 6, 1871.—We hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's Report, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

(Signed)

W. P. WILLSON,  
PETER FAY,  
F. A. WINCHESTER,  
*Auditors of Southborough.*

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of children in town between *five* and *fifteen* years, 456

## AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS, 1870-71.

Amount appropriated by the town for schools, . . .	\$4,500 00
Received from State School Fund, . . .	225 78
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	\$4,725 78

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid J. C. Lincoln, principal, for teaching, . . .	\$300 00
J. C. Lincoln, " " . . .	60 00
A. S. Howe, " " . . .	240 00
A. S. Howe, " " . . .	420 00
L. H. Day, assistant, " . . .	161 80
for fuel, and cutting and splitting, . . .	88 74
for care of fires and cleaning, . . .	16 04
expenses for teachers, . . .	11 30
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	\$1,297 88

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid G. W. Davis, for teaching, . . .	\$225 00
G. W. Davis, " . . .	225 00
G. W. Davis, " . . .	262 50
for fuel and preparing same, . . .	53 38
for care of fires, . . .	6 50
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	\$772 38

## EXPENSE OF WARD SCHOOLS.

## WARD NO. 1 (CENTRE).

Paid Phebe W. Tracy, for teaching eleven weeks, .	\$88 00
Phebe W. Tracy, " twelve " .	120 00
Phebe W. Tracy, " thirteen " .	130 00
for fuel and preparing same, . . .	44 23
for care of fires, . . .	3 00
for cleaning, . . .	2 00
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	\$387 23

## WARD NO. 2 (EAST END).

Paid H. G. Barnard, for teaching eleven weeks, . . .	\$77 00
M. S. Whippy, " twelve " . . .	96 00
M. S. Whippy, " thirteen " . . .	104 00
for fuel, . . . . .	25 88
for preparing same, . . . . .	5 00
for care of fires, . . . . .	6 00
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	\$313 88

## WARD NO. 3 (FAYSVILLE).

Paid S. E. Lovell, for teaching eleven weeks, . . .	\$110 00
S. E. Lovell, " twelve " . . .	120 00
S. E. Lovell, " thirteen " . . .	130 00
for fuel and preparing same, . . . . .	33 94
for care of fire, . . . . .	4 00
for cleaning, . . . . .	1 25
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	\$399 19

## WARD NO. 4 (CORDAVILLE).

Paid M. E. Chickering, for teaching eleven weeks, . . .	\$88 00
M. E. Chickering, " twelve " . . .	96 00
Ella D. Pulsifer, " thirteen " . . .	104 00
for fuel and preparing same, . . . . .	30 63
for care of fires, . . . . .	4 50
for cleaning, . . . . .	4 48
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	\$327 61

## WARD NO. 5 (FLAGG).

Paid C. B. Grow, for teaching eleven weeks, . . .	\$77 00
C. B. Grow, " twelve " . . .	84 00
C. B. Grow, " thirteen " . . .	91 00
for fuel and preparing same, . . . . .	24 94
for care of fires, . . . . .	50
for cleaning, . . . . .	1 00
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	\$278 44

## WARD NO. 6 (WEST END).

Paid S. G. Batchelder, for teaching eleven weeks, . . .	\$77 00
C. A. Brigham, " twelve " . . .	84 00
C. A. Brigham, " twelve " . . .	84 00
for fuel and preparing same, . . . . .	28 24
for care of fires, . . . . .	6 25
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	\$279 49

## WARD NO. 7 (SOUTHVILLE)—Two Schools.

Paid Isota L. Tyler, for teaching eleven weeks, . . .	\$88 00
Isota L. Tyler, " twelve " . . .	96 00
Isota L. Tyler, " thirteen " . . .	110 50
M. S. Fay, " eleven " . . .	77 00
M. S. Fay, " twelve " . . .	90 00
Sarah E. Valentine, " two " . . .	17 00
A. L. Thompson, " eleven " . . .	88 00
for fuel and preparing same, . . .	62 38
for care of fires, . . .	16 00
for cleaning, . . .	10 40
expense for teacher, . . .	80
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	\$656 08

## RECAPITULATION OF SCHOOL EXPENSES.

## Expended for teachers' salaries,—

For High School, . . . . .	\$1,181 80
Grammar School, . . . . .	712 50
Ward No. 1, . . . . .	338 00
No. 2, . . . . .	277 00
No. 3, . . . . .	360 00
No. 4, . . . . .	238 00
No. 5, . . . . .	252 00
No. 6, . . . . .	245 00
No. 7, . . . . .	566 50

Amount of teachers' salaries, . . . \$4,220 80

Amount paid for fuel and preparing, . . .	\$397 36
for care of fires, . . .	62 79
for cleaning school-houses, . . .	19 13
for expenses for teachers, . . .	12 10
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	491 38

Whole amount expended for schools, 1870-71, . \$4,712 18

Amount of available school fund, . . .	\$4,725 78
Balance unexpended, . . .	13 60
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	\$4,725 78

## INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Paid William Collins for one day with oxen grading at	
school-house in ward 5, . . . . .	\$4 00
B. F. Prentiss, for labor, material, etc., in ward 7, . . . . .	19 33
B. F. Prentiss, " " " in Gram-	
mar School, . . . . .	24 05
B. F. Prentiss, for labor, material, etc., in ward 4, . . . . .	3 00
Dexter Newton, for stove grate for ward 6, . . . . .	1 50
Dexter Newton, for dish for ward 3, . . . . .	10
W. G. Shattuck for school furniture, . . . . .	62 75
H. A. Dickerman, for globes, . . . . .	20 50
A. F. Johnson, for labor, material, etc., for repairs	
ward 6, . . . . .	11 13
Dexter Newton, for 2½ days' labor, getting mate-	
rial and assisting about setting furnace in High	
School, . . . . .	6 25
G. W. Walker & Co., for furnace for High School, . . . . .	209 55
F. W. Walker, to repair door and stove, . . . . .	2 00
J. A. Page, labor and material for High School	
and ward No. 2, . . . . .	8 25
J. A. Page for 2½ days' labor and 2 days' tender	
and material for patching school houses, . . . . .	18 00
G. F. Barney, for labor and material at ward 7, . . . . .	28 86
G. F. Barney, " " " 3, . . . . .	6 94
G. F. Barney, " " . . . . .	12 10
Curtis Hyde, " " for High	
School, . . . . .	44 07
Curtis Hyde, for labor and material for ward No. 1, . . . . .	7 87
Daniel H. Thomson, for labor and material for	
ward No. 3, . . . . .	8 90
Dexter Newton, express on globes and grates, . . . . .	70
B. C. & F. R. R. freight on castings for High	
School, . . . . .	3 60
Bradley & Brigham, for cleaning and repairing	
stoves, etc., . . . . .	29 07
F. W. Walker, repair stove, etc., . . . . .	4 25
R. Goddard paid Walker, repair pump ward No. 2, . . . . .	25
R. Goddard, for lock, etc., for ward No. 2, . . . . .	2 40
insurance on school-houses, . . . . .	104 30
M. L. Buck, to repair pump, . . . . .	75
Alex. W. Wendall, for glass and setting same, . . . . .	1 00
<i>Amount carried forward, . . . . .</i>	<i>\$645 47</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$645 47
Paid H. C. Stone, for cleaning and repairing clock, ward No. 7,	1 25
L. W. Newton, for paint stock for ward No. 7,	4 17
L. W. Newton, for half cask cement,	1 50
E. E. Collins, for boarding laborer on furnace at High School,	1 00
Dexter Newton, for 2½ days' service about repairs at High School,	6 25
Dexter Newton, for telegraphing about furnace,	75
Lyman Newton, for carting articles for furnace at High School,	2 50
Herman Este, for setting glass and repair clocks,	5 55
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	\$668 44

## OTHER INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid C. H. Merrill, broom, crayons, dusters, etc.,	\$3 64
Luther Harriman, for maps,	30 00
A. G. Muchemore, for shaker and scraper,	50
B. C. & F. R. R., freight on globes,	76
Wright Brothers, for 1 bottle of ink, ward No. 3,	60
Dexter Newton, for book for committee,	2 50
D. W. Mitchell, for crayons, books, ink, etc.,	15 02
D. W. Mitchell, for crayons, erasers, books, etc.,	7 55
Bradley & Brigham, for coal hod,	1 63
Richardson Goddard, for services as committee,	52 00
D. W. Mitchell, for crayons, ink, brooms, etc.,	5 13
J. L. Hammett, for books and erasers,	6 24
L. W. Newton, for ink, crayons, brooms, maps, erasers, etc.,	30 39
Dexter Newton, for services as one of committee,	52 00
C. H. Merrill, for ink, crayons, etc.,	6 90
Wright Brothers, for brooms, ink, crayons, etc.,	9 37
D. W. Mitchell, for services as committee,	35 00
D. W. Mitchell, for 2 coal hods and broom,	2 75
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	\$261 98

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Warren Parmenter, for labor, . . . . .	\$526 60
Michael Maley, " " . . . . .	313 60
A. E. Parmenter, " " . . . . .	194 30
John Killgarrieff, " " . . . . .	49 80
Patrick McDonough, for 8½ days' labor, . . . . .	22 78
J. Cunneen, for boy, 2 $\frac{8}{10}$ " " . . . . .	2 80
James Maley, Jr., for 4 $\frac{3}{10}$ " " . . . . .	4 30
William Jennison, . . . . .	12 50
Victor Walker, for 3 days' labor, . . . . .	4 50
Harrison Fay, for 3 " " . . . . .	4 50
Benj. H. Fay, . . . . .	1 00
Francis A. Fay, . . . . .	80
Jabez and G. W. Newton, . . . . .	2 40
F. A. Armchester, for men and oxen, . . . . .	52 75
T. R. Capen, . . . . .	4 60
— O'Brien, . . . . .	90
Michael Mitchell, . . . . .	5 50
L. W. Newton, . . . . .	53 01
F. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing, . . . . .	24 88
J. H. Winchester, repairing harnesses, . . . . .	1 92
L. F. Johnson, . . . . .	5 00
H. F. Webster, . . . . .	7 45
B. F. Bowers, . . . . .	4 00
A. Howe, . . . . .	14 65
W. Parmenter, for water pail and halter, . . . . .	55
John Lahey, for self and horse, . . . . .	73 34
William Collins, self and oxen, . . . . .	17 50
J. Hart & Co., . . . . .	80
Mrs. H. Parker, for man and horse, . . . . .	9 45
C. S. Williams & Son, . . . . .	4 34
Nahum Newton, . . . . .	24 77
F. A. Dorr, . . . . .	9 00
Joseph Lowell, . . . . .	2 45
D. Newton, . . . . .	14 50
Samuel F. Fay, . . . . .	7 70
Ezekiel D. Rockwood, . . . . .	9 80
William Brigham, . . . . .	50
John L. Bickford, . . . . .	1 00

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*Amount carried forward,* . . . . . \$1,490 24

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,490 24
Paid Hiram Nichols,		3 00
John C. Nichols,		5 00
Richardson Goddard,		50
Michael Lavell,		3 00
For hay for horse,		23 97
Peter Walker,		11 25
William H. Buck,		11 38
Nathan L. Johnson,		7 00
Benj. F. Pierce,		24 60
Otis Streeter,		11 00
Nelson Gilmore,		7 00
Warren Parmenter, for 55½ hours in Jan.,		11 10
Sullivan T. Ball, for one horse,		75 00
Geo. C. Harlow,		6 00
Silas E. Brigham,		1 75
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		\$1,691 44

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By horse sold,		65 00
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		\$1,626 44
Amount paid by the town,		1,500 00
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Balance paid by Highway Surveyors,		\$126 44

JOSEPH BURNETT,  
SULLIVAN T. BALL,  
WILLIAM H. BUCK,

*Highway Surveyors.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the Highway Surveyors' account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

(Signed)

W. P. WILLSON,  
PETER FAY,  
F. A. WINCHESTER,

*Auditors.*

## EXTRAORDINARY ROAD EXPENSES.

Paid S. & A. Smith, for boards, . . . . .	\$14 96
Daniel B. Johnson, for the right to take gravel from a certain gravel pit for 20 years, . . . . .	125 00
B. F. Pierce, for a right of way for twenty years to get gravel on D. B. Johnson's land, . . . . .	20 00
W. Parmenter, bill for himself, H. Nichols and M. Maley, for building wall at W. B. Rice's mill, . . . . .	76 25
Timothy Shea, repair culvert near Harrt's shop, . . . . .	2 00
Ball & Holman, for making road near M. Emory's, . . . . .	100 00
Geo. C. Harlow, for 100 feet poles, . . . . .	2 00
E. N. Onthank, for posts and labor, . . . . .	6 20
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	\$346 41

## EXPENSE OF BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Isaac Howard, one day, . . . . .	\$2 00
Benj. H. Fay's bill, . . . . .	3 75
W. H. Buck for paid N. M. Pike, 3 hours, . . . . .	60
W. H. Buck for paid J. Cantello, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours, . . . . .	1 85
W. H. Buck for paid N. L. Johnson, 25 hours, . . . . .	5 00
W. H. Buck for paid Geo. W. Fay, 24 hours, . . . . .	4 80
W. H. Buck for paid Chas. Baldwin, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours, . . . . .	1 45
W. H. Buck for paid L. F. Johnson, 20 hours, . . . . .	4 00
W. H. Buck for paid Geo. W. Buck, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . . . . .	2 30
W. H. Buck for paid I. G. Howe, men and horses, 49 hours, . . . . .	8 40
W. H. Buck for paid B. F. Pierce, 5 hours, . . . . .	1 00
W. H. Buck for paid Frank H. Buck, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, . . . . .	4 70
W. H. Buck for paid J. C. Converse, men and team, 77 hours, . . . . .	17 40
W. H. Buck for paid 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours, . . . . .	3 95
Jonathan G. Eams for 6 hours, . . . . .	1 20
F. A. Winchester, . . . . .	19 50
F. W. Hayden, . . . . .	1 80
J. A. J. Fay, . . . . .	1 50
F. Brooks, for shovelling snow, . . . . .	2 20

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*Amount carried forward,* . . . . . \$87 40

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$87 40
Paid	G. M. Newton, for shovelling snow,	.	.	2 00
	G. W. Goodnow,	"	"	6 90
	H. Nichols,	"	"	1 60
	A. E. Parmenter,	"	"	2 60
	B. Hartford,	"	"	2 60
	P. McMahon,	"	"	16 60
	S. T. Ball,	"	"	5 40
	M. Cunneen,	"	"	5 05
	N. Gilmore,	"	"	8 07
	W. D. Clifford,	"	"	50
	P. Twomy,	"	"	3 20
	A. E. Bacon,	"	"	3 40
	J. Cunneen,	"	"	4 80
	F. W. Hayden,	"	"	2 80
	J. O. Brien,	"	"	2 40
	John Maley,	"	"	3 60
	Dennis Murphy,	"	"	4 20
	J. Eames,	"	"	9 05
	D. Lahy,	"	"	2 00
	Chas. Temple,	"	"	2 60
	N. S. Richards,	"	"	1 60
	T. R. Capen,	"	"	2 00
	G. E. Brewer,	"	"	2 20
	G. G. Este,	"	"	4 40
	S. G. Hosmer,	"	"	9 10
	W. Parmenter,	"	"	9 30
	W. Jennison,	"	"	5 92
	L. E. Brown,	"	"	2 60
	G. D. Collins,	"	"	1 37
	A. Hyde,	"	"	1 60
	John Nichols,	"	"	1 00
	I. Howard,	"	"	1 00
	John Short,	"	"	4 00
	G. C. Harlow,	"	"	1 00
	L. Keefe,	"	"	2 62
	E. D. Rockwood,	"	"	5 20
	W. R. Taylor,	"	"	2 40
	G. C. Fisher,	"	"	2 00
	E. Parmenter,	"	"	1 50
	J. Burnett,	"	"	29 30

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*Amount carried forward,* . . . . \$266 88

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>					\$266 88
Paid H. C. Williams, for shovelling snow,					1 40
B. F. Bowers,	"	"			4 20
A. F. Johnson,	"	"			11 15
M. A. Fisher,	"	"			1 80
M. Lavell,	"	"			1 60
P. Walker,	"	"			6 05
A. Howe,	"	"			4 20
F. A. Dorr,	"	"			11 80
H. S. Wheeler,	"	"			1 80
E. S. Fay,	"	"			4 05
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					\$314 93

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1871:—

The number of paupers now fully supported by the town are two, viz.: Solomon B. Newton and Emerson Woodbury.

Died during the year, two: Peter Newton and Daniel Este.

We have provided food and lodging for 227 poor travellers the past year.

### EXPENSE AT THE ALMSHOUSE FOR THE TWO MONTHS PREVIOUS TO ITS SALE ON THE FIRST OF MAY.

For groceries,		\$46 07
grain and grinding,		15 21
meat,		10 45
blacksmith bill,		2 74
stove,		42 50
labor,		3 50
Funeral expenses of Peter Newton,		15 50
Sundries,		2 82
Services of the warden one month,		25 00
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		\$163 79
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$163 79

*Amount brought forward,* . . . . . \$163 79

EXPENSE OF PAUPERS FULLY SUPPORTED SINCE THE  
SALE OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Daniel Newton, for boarding D. Este,	
24 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, at \$2.25, . . . . .	\$55 93
S. B. Newton, 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ weeks, at \$2.25, . . . . .	97 71
Emerson Woodbury, . . . . .	97 71
Clothing, boots and shoes, . . . . .	37 73
Funeral expenses of D. Este, . . . . .	16 50
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EXPENSE OF PAUPERS PARTIALLY SUP-  
PORTED.

Paid for James Mallard's board, 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ weeks,	
at \$2 per week, . . . . .	\$92 85
Mrs. J. F. Newton, for wood, . . . . .	12 50
Town of Marlborough, for T. C. Allen, . . . . .	70 32
Town of Milford, for T. T. Riley, . . . . .	27 62
City of Charlestown for Mrs. J. Hobbs, . . . . .	12 25
Keeping 167 vagrants, . . . . .	83 50
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OTHER EXPENSES.

Paid Dr. J. H. Robinson for medical attendance:

for S. B. Newton, . . . . .	\$1 00
for Daniel Este, . . . . .	19 00
for Peter Newton, . . . . .	1 00
for Mrs. J. F. Newton, . . . . .	10 75
for Mrs. P. Curry, . . . . .	20 00
for box medicine, . . . . .	25
for printing, postage and station- ery, . . . . .	2 01

L. Newton, expenses:

to Marblehead, in the case of Jas. Mallard, . . . . .	1 00
to Framingham, in the case of E. Woodbury, . . . . .	1 00
to Marlborough, in the case of T. C. Allen, . . . . .	3 00
to Milford, in the case of T. T. Riley family, . . . . .	3 50
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*Amounts carried forward,* . . . . . \$62 51      \$768 41

<i>Amounts brought forward, . . .</i>	\$62 51	\$768 41
Paid L. Newton, expenses:		
to Charlestown, in the case of Mrs.		
J. Hobbs, . . . . .	3 80	
to Northborough, in the case of C.		
Parker, . . . . .	2 00	
to Spencer, to get E. Woodbury,	6 50	
for legal advice in the case of T.		
C. Allen, . . . . .	4 00	
Curtis and Dexter Newton for selling		
at auction, . . . . .	12 42	
Daniel Newton for labor, . . . .	5 00	
for posting bills, . . . . .	2 00	
Lyman Newton, services as overseer, .	15 00	
Nelson Gilmore, services as overseer, .	12 00	
George C. Harlow, . . . . .	12 00	
		137 23
Total expense, . . . . .		\$905 64

## INCOME AT ALMSHOUSE.

For the sale of milk, . . . . .	\$93 63	
of hay, . . . . .	18 60	
of one fat cow, . . . . .	55 33	
of corn, . . . . .	9 68	
of potatoes, . . . . .	4 90	
of eggs and pickles, . . . . .	2 03	
of stove and rags, . . . . .	3 24	
For use of wagon, . . . . .	1 25	
keeping peddlers, . . . . .	2 50	
provisions sold D. Newton, . . . .	37 80	
personal property sold at auction, .	755 38	
Total income paid to Town Treasurer, ———		\$984 34
Order on Town Treasurer, . . . . .	\$905 64	
Balance in Town Treasury, . . . . .	78 70	
		\$984 34
Due from the State for State paupers, . . . .		\$20 00
Inventory of personal property now on hand, . . .		368 75

Mr. Newton proposes to keep the town's poor, excepting vagrants, for the same as last year.

LYMAN NEWTON,  
NELSON GILMORE,  
GEO. C. HARLOW,  
*Overseers of the Poor.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the account of the Overseers of the Poor, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. P. WILLSON,  
PETER FAY,  
F. A. WINCHESTER,  
*Auditors.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 3, 1871.

## ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ON AND AROUND TOWN HOUSE.

### LAYING DRAINS AND POINTING BUILDINGS, &c.

Paid J. A. Paige for 9½ days' work, . . . .	\$38 00
J. A. Paige for 3 days' tender, . . . .	7 50
M. Leach for 26 days' work, . . . .	130 00
Peter Welsh for 23 days' work, . . . .	57 50
Ball & Holman, for one M brick, . . . .	10 00
Dexter Brewer for 5½ days, digging trench around the town house, . . . .	11 00
Thayer & Babson for acid and lampblack, . .	1 92
S. & A. Smith for cement and lime, . . . .	5 10
F. A. Winchester for carting gravel, . . . .	4 00
Curtis Hyde for himself 4 days, . . . .	15 00
Curtis Hyde for L. Hildreth for 3½ days, . .	11 37
Curtis Hyde for C. Hildreth for 3 days, . .	6 00
Curtis Hyde for S. Hyde, for 2 days, . . . .	6 00
Curtis Hyde for D. Collins ¾ day, . . . .	1 00
F. Este for two men and horse 1 day, . . . .	5 00
Curtis Hyde for scrubbing-brush and acid, . .	45
L. W. Newton for brushes, cement, &c., . . .	7 79
L. W. Newton for cement, . . . .	2 40

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\$320 03

## EXPENSE OF FURNISHING.

*Expense of Furnace.*

Paid Geo. W. Walker & Co. for furnace, pipes and labor,	\$750 00
B. C. and F. R. R. for freight on same, . . .	9 77
E. E. Collins for 25 days' board of men on furnace, . . . . .	20 00
Curtis Hyde for boards for cold-air boxes, . . .	4 59
Curtis Hyde for screens, . . . . .	70
Curtis Hyde for 54 lbs. iron for furnace, . . .	2 35
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	\$787 41

*Gas Works.*

Paid Consolidated Gas Co. for gas generator, pipes and labor fitting the same, . . . . .	\$997 67
B. C. and F. R. R. for freight on same, . . .	13 51
Tucker Manuf'g Co. for bronzed gas fixtures, . .	437 01
Mrs. Geo. G. Este for boarding gas fitters, . .	4 00
E. E. Collins for boarding gas fitters, . . .	1 75
B. P. Bowman for one street lantern, . . .	22 00
Gilmore & Son, for brick for arch for gas generator, . . . . .	17 25
C. Hyde for express on lantern, . . . . .	1 00
L. W. Newton for cement for gas generator pit, .	18 51
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	\$1,512 70

*Furniture.*

Paid Merriam, Holden & Co. for 86 eight feet settees,	\$412 80
Merriam, Holden & Co. for 26 nine feet settees, .	140 40
S. Smith & Co. for 5 tables, . . . . .	64 00
J. C. Haynes & Co. for six music stands, . . .	15 00
Lawrence, Wild & Hull for chairs, &c., . . .	70 50
Norcross, Mellen & Co., for 1½ doz. spittoons, .	9 00
Earth Closet Co. for one commode, . . . . .	27 00
Geo. H. Cunningham & Co. for cord and tassels, .	3 50
B. C. & F. R. R. for freight, . . . . .	3 77
Russell & Phelps, for 2 pairs of steps, . . .	7 88
L. W. Newton for dust pan and brush, . . .	87
L. W. Newton for 2 mats and 1 tub, . . . . .	4 37
L. W. Newton for tunnel, screws, &c., . . .	1 26
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	\$760 35

*Finishing and Furnishing Fay Library.*

Paid J. J. McNutt for mouldings and cappings, . . . . .	\$60 84
J. J. McNutt for one ventilator, . . . . .	10 00
Clark & Leatherbee for 630 feet ash boards, . . . . .	39 58
Bradley & Brigham for one stove and pipe, &c., . . . . .	40 76
P. B. Patch for sawing, . . . . .	25
W. B. Rice for planing and use of shop, . . . . .	2 50
S. & A. Smith for boards for shelving, . . . . .	43 21
Geo. F. Barney for labor and material, . . . . .	42 82
B. C. and F. R. R. for freight, . . . . .	3 07
F. Harrington for 20 days' work, . . . . .	70 00
Dana E. Brigham, 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work, . . . . .	88 37
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	\$401 40

*Water and Water-Closets.*

Paid Montague & Hemingway for labor and material, . . . . .	\$232 57
Montague & Hemingway for lead pipe, . . . . .	1 75
F. W. Walker for ironing tank, &c., . . . . .	5 50
Curtis Hyde for plank for tank, . . . . .	3 37
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	\$243 19

## INSURANCE.

Paid builder's risk on Town House, . . . . .	\$84 75
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## EXPENSES OF WELL.

Paid John Blair for stone and carting, . . . . .	\$18 00
John Cunneen for 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, . . . . .	72 75
John Cunneen for board for help, . . . . .	16 80
John Maley for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, . . . . .	10 50
F. A. Winchester for 3 days of Geo. Brown, . . . . .	6 00
F. A. Winchester for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days of oxen, . . . . .	3 00
James Maley for 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, . . . . .	86 62
H. F. Webster for blacksmithing, . . . . .	10 80
Patrick McDonnough for 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, . . . . .	44 25
Curtis Hyde for 2 days' work, . . . . .	7 50
Curtis Hyde for paid L. Hildreth for 5 days, . . . . .	16 25
Curtis Hyde for paid C. Hildreth for 1 day, . . . . .	2 00
Curtis Hyde for paid Dana E. Brigham for 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, . . . . .	6 12
Curtis Hyde for 120 feet lumber, . . . . .	3 57
L. W. Newton for powder, . . . . .	5 60
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	\$309 76

## EXTRA WORK AND MATERIAL.

Paid Curtis Hyde for 29½ days' work, . . . .	\$110 62
P. Simpson for 12 days' work, . . . .	42 00
Geo. E. Lane for 12 days' work, . . . .	42 00
L. Hildreth, for 3½ days' work, . . . .	11 38
Solomon Hyde for 10 days' work, . . . .	30 00
Otis O'Leary for 10½ days' work, . . . .	26 25
C. Hyde for 179 feet chestnut boards, . . . .	5 37
W. P. Willson for 9½ days' work, . . . .	18 20
H. F. Webster for blacksmithing, . . . .	2 45
E. E. Collins for board of man on ventilator, . .	1 60
Brooks & Darling for shutter hooks and sash fastenings, . . . . .	20 50
G. F. Barney for labor and material, . . . .	15 82
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	\$304 72

## ARCHITECT.

Paid A. R. Esty's bill, . . . . .	\$500 00
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We hereby certify that we have examined the account of the Town Hall Building Committee, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. P. WILLSON,  
 PETER FAY,  
 F. A. WINCHESTER,  
*Auditors.*

RECAPITULATION TO ADDITIONAL EXPENSES ON AND AROUND  
 TOWN HOUSE, INCLUDING THE WELL AND GRADING.

Laying drains and pointing building and grading, . .	\$320 03
Expense of furnace, . . . . .	787 41
Expense of gas works, . . . . .	1,512 70
Expense of furniture, . . . . .	760 35
Finishing and furnishing Fay Library, . . . .	401 40
Expense of water-closets, . . . . .	243 19
Insurance, builder's risk, . . . . .	84 75
Expense of well, . . . . .	309 76
Extra work and material, . . . . .	304 72
Architect commission, . . . . .	500 00
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	\$5,224 31

[The laying of drains, pointing the building and grading, together with the well, amounting to six hundred twenty-nine dollars and

seventy-nine cents, or may be called incidental expense to the Hall as incidental to the town. Deducting the above, would leave for the Town Hall proper, expended in 1870-71, the sum of four thousand five hundred ninety-four dollars and fifty-two cents.]

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### TOWN CLERK, COLLECTOR'S AND TREASURER'S EXPENSES.

Paid F. Este, for collecting taxes for the year 1870, . . . . .	\$180 00
F. Este, for services as Treasurer, . . . . .	50 00
F. Este, for travelling expenses, . . . . .	18 00
F. Este, for cash paid express, . . . . .	1 75
F. Este, for cash paid postage, . . . . .	36
F. Este, for recording births, marriages and deaths, . . . . .	23 15
F. Este, for cash paid for note-book, . . . . .	4 00
F. Este, for advertising in "Journal," . . . . .	1 50
F. Este, for paid E. Hixon, for recording deaths, . . . . .	2 00
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	\$280 76

### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid F. Este, for sealing weights and measures, . . . . .	\$20 00
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### SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Paid Curtis Newton, for one-half day on bridge by S. Brigham's, . . . . .	\$1 25
Curtis Newton, for two men, horse and wagon, one day, . . . . .	6 50
Curtis Newton, for 65 feet lumber, for bridge, . . . . .	1 95
Curtis Newton, for two journeys to Boston, to see about State aid and make returns, . . . . .	6 00
Curtis Newton, for laying out road and other services, . . . . .	52 00
Curtis Newton, for 10 pounds nails, . . . . .	60
Curtis Newton, for 3 bolts, . . . . .	12
Curtis Newton, for running line between towns, . . . . .	2 00
Curtis Newton, for time expenses to Westborough, in the Olney case, . . . . .	1 50
C. S. Williams, for one-half day, self and team, for lumber, . . . . .	2 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i> . . . . .	\$73 92

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$73 92
Paid C. S. Williams, for two days' labor on bridge at Rice's,	5 00
C. S. Williams, for one-half day, putting up railings,	3 75
C. S. Williams, for paid blacksmith for irons, &c.,	1 68
C. S. Williams, for nails and spikes,	97
C. S. Williams, for 48 feet railings,	1 44
C. S. Williams, for running town lines,	2 00
C. S. Williams, for paid for printing posters on cattle disease,	2 75
C. S. Williams, for time and expenses to Blackstone, on Olney case,	6 00
C. S. Williams, for stationery and stamps, &c.,	1 63
C. S. Williams, for 26 days' services as selectman,	52 00
C. S. Williams, for journey to Reform School,	1 50
F. A. Dorr, for laying out road, and other services,	40 00
F. A. Dorr, two days' services at Worcester,	4 00
C. Newton, C. S. Williams and F. A. Dorr, one and one-half day each, for laying out gravel pit bought of D. B. Johnson, and right of way to same,	9 00
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	\$205 64

## ASSESSORS' EXPENSES.

Paid James Williams, for 25 days' services,	\$75 00
James Williams, for stationery, express, &c.,	5 30
Dexter Newton, for 20 days' services,	60 00
Dexter Newton, for 5 days, copying manuscript for printer,	15 00
Dexter Newton, for time and expense to Boston to get valuation printed,	3 70
Dexter Newton, for time and expenses to Marlborough, to get valuation printed,	1 80
Dexter Newton, for one-half day examining proof,	1 50
Dexter Newton, for postage and express,	24
Nelson Gilmore, for 17½ days' services,	52 50
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	\$215 04

## CONSTABLES' EXPENSES.

Paid L. Walker, for copying and posting town warrants, . . . . .	\$6 00
L. Walker, for copying, paying for printing and posting town warrants, . . . . .	10 00
L. Walker, for posting town warrants, . . . . .	3 50
L. Walker, for notifying town officers, . . . . .	5 40
L. Walker, for 4 days, seeing to dogs being licensed, . . . . .	12 00
L. Walker, for cash paid for use of lock-up, . . . . .	1 00
L. Walker, for copying and posting town warrants, . . . . .	3 50
L. Walker, for printing and posting town warrants, . . . . .	6 00
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	\$47 40

## EXPENSES OF DEFENDING SUIT AGAINST DIVISION OF TOWN.

1870.

Paid D. H. Mason, attorney, . . . . .	\$150 00
H. & J. E. Billings, for plan of Southborough and adjoining towns, in colors, . . . . .	5 00
Nelson Gilmore, for 4 days to Boston, as witness, . . . . .	16 00
W. D. Clifford, 4 " " " . . . . .	16 00
J. H. Robinson, 2 " " " . . . . .	8 00
C. S. Williams, 5 " " " . . . . .	20 00
D. W. Mitchell, 4 " " " . . . . .	16 00
F. A. Dorr, 4 " " " . . . . .	16 00
F. A. Dorr, for 2 days, circulating remonstrances, . . . . .	5 00
F. Este, for 7 days to Boston, as witness and examining records, . . . . .	28 00
J. Williams, for 2½ days as witness and examining records, . . . . .	10 00
W. P. Willson, for 2½ days examining records, . . . . .	6 60
Warren Parmenter, for 4 days at Boston, as witness, . . . . .	16 00
Joseph Burnett, for 6 days at Boston, as witness, . . . . .	24 00
Curtis Newton for 6 days at Boston, as witness, . . . . .	24 00
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	\$360 60

## 1871.

Paid D. H. Mason, attorney, . . . . .	\$150 00
Joseph Burnett, for 7 days' services on committee, . . . . .	28 00
Curtis Newton, for 2 " " " " . . . . .	8 00
Franklin Este, for 1 " " " " . . . . .	4 00
W. P. Willson, for 3½ days circulating remonstrance, . . . . .	8 75
N. Gilmore, for 1½ days circulating remonstrance, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$201 75

## HEATING, LIGHTING AND CARE OF TOWN HALL.

Paid Consolidated Gas Company for gasoline, . . . . .	\$153 24
B., C. & F. R. R., for freight, . . . . .	4 65
George C. Harlow, for 5 cords wood, . . . . .	45 00
Dennis Collins, for cutting and carrying in wood, . . . . .	2 25
Curtis Hyde, for 1 cord wood, . . . . .	7 00
Curtis Hyde, for getting in 5 cords wood, . . . . .	1 80
Curtis Hyde, for care of house, . . . . .	106 50
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	\$320 44

## EXPENSES OF FAY LIBRARY.

Paid L. W. Newton, for coal, . . . . .	\$6 78
Heman Este, for services as librarian, . . . . .	60 00
F. Este, for paid L. W. Newton, . . . . .	10 50
F. Este, for paid W. W. Wood, for printing, . . . . .	1 75
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	\$79 03

## EXPENSES IN CEMETERY.

Paid Dennis Collins, for 6 days' work, . . . . .	\$9 00
George Brigham, for drawing and piling wood, . . . . .	6 00
Wm. Muchemore, for 9½ days cutting and splitting wood, . . . . .	17 76
L. W. Newton, for powder and fuse, . . . . .	2 16
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	\$34 92

## STATE AID.

Edward M. Knight, . . . . .	\$72 00
Ann B. Bellows, . . . . .	96 00
George Brown, . . . . .	72 00
Cora Riley, . . . . .	48 00
Sarah E. Edwards, . . . . .	96 00
Ann Leonard, . . . . .	66 00
A. H. Doyle, . . . . .	60 00
Lorenzo Walker (guardian), . . . . .	24 00
Maria Burns, . . . . .	48 00
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	\$582 00

## TOWN REPORTS.

Paid J. H. Robinson, making town reports, . . . . .	\$10 00
Wood & Stearns for printing, . . . . .	87 82
E. Hixon for distributing, . . . . .	5 00
W. P. Willson for work on the same, . . . . .	10 85
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	\$113 67

## BILLS FOR 1869 PAID IN 1870.

Paid F. W. Walker for services as committee on gram- mar school-house, . . . . .	\$22 50
Mrs. M. E. Buck for rent of rooms in P. O. build- ing for Fay library, 12 months, . . . . .	36 85
John Hartt, & Co., for one cord wood and labor on same, . . . . .	9 50
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	\$68 85

## SUNDRIES.

Paid Mrs. M. E. Buck for rent of room in P. O. build- ing for Fay library, 2 months, . . . . .	\$6 15
Moses Emory for moving 26½ rods of wall, . . . . .	20 10
James Maley for 2 days repairing the old burying ground wall, . . . . .	6 50
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<i>Amount carried forward, . . . . .</i>	\$32 75

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$32 75
Paid D. H. Thomson for painting guide-boards,	4 87
Wood, Stearns & Co. for printing valuation books,	123 35
Dexter Newton for surveying roads, writing reports and deeds and for stamps,	12 50
L. W. Newton for cheese and coffee for firemen,	20 21
Peter Fay for milk and sugar for firemen,	2 64
G. F. Barney for painting and varnishing hearse,	9 00
Post-office for 310 one-cent stamps for postage on valuation books,	3 10
L. H. Wakefield for legal services vs. Kelley,	20 00
Dexter Newton for surveying roads and writing reports,	12 59
Geo. L. Works for ringing bell for deaths and town meetings,	14 20
L. H. Wakefield, legal services vs. Kelley,	10 00
L. H. Wakefield for paid car fare,	1 20
W. Jennison for watching fire at high school,	2 00
J. L. Onthank for watching fire at high school,	2 00
W. and G. H. Muchemore for watching fire at high school,	4 00
C. Newton, C. S. Williams and H. S. Wheeler as committee for selling town farm,	15 00
Dexter Newton for writing deed and stamps, &c.,	2 00
for additional insurance on town hall and library,	121 75
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	\$413 16

## SUMMARY OF TOWN EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 4th, 1871, AS PAID ON ORDERS  
OF THE SELECTMEN.

School expenses,	\$4,712 18
Repairs and improvements of school-houses,	668 44
Other incidental school expenses,	261 98
Repairs of highways,	1,500 00
Extraordinary road expense,	346 41
Expense of breaking roads,	314 93
Overseers of the poor,	905 64
Additional of town house,	5,224 31

*Amount carried forward,* \$13,933 89

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$13,933 89
Clerk's, Treasurer's and Collector's expenses,	280 76
Sealer of weights and measures,	20 00
Selectmen's expenses,	205 64
Assessors' expenses,	215 04
Constable's expenses,	47 40
Expense defending division of town 1870,	360 60
Expense defending division of town 1871,	201 75
Heating, lighting and care of town hall,	320 44
Expense of Fay library,	79 03
Expense in cemetery,	34 92
State aid,	582 00
Town reports,	113 67
Bills for 1869 paid in 1870,	68 85
Sundries,	413 16
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	\$16,877 15

#### ACTUAL EXPENSES OF THE TOWN FOR 1870-71.

Amount of orders on Town Treasurer,	\$16,877 15
For State tax,	2,575 00
county tax,	1,393 46
interest on town debt,	2,611 50
interest on temporary loan,	325 86
interest on M. J. Flagg's and E. F. Thompson's notes,	11 83
J. Burnett, Treasurer of Fay library,	348 61
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	\$24,143 41
Deduct bills of 1869 paid in 1870,	68 85
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Total expenses for 1870-71,	\$24,074 56

#### EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.

Deduct for town hall,	\$5,224 31
for breaking roads,	314 93
for extraordinary road expenses,	346 41
for repairs and improvement on school-houses,	668 44
for defending division of town, 1870 and 1871,	562 35
for State aid,	582 00
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	7,698 44
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Ordinary expenses of the town for 1870-71,	\$16,376 12

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 6, 1871.

The Highway Surveyors for 1870-71 submit the following report.

They have taken up and relaid in a substantial manner seven culverts. They have applied to the roads two thousand four hundred and seventy loads of *good* gravel, besides a considerable quantity of inferior material when clear gravel could not be easily procured.

During the spring or early summer of 1870, they called the attention of the selectmen to a small hill of very superior road gravel, belonging to Mr. Daniel B. Johnson, and recommended that it be purchased for the use of the town. With commendable promptness the selectmen adopted the views of the surveyors and secured for the town this large and unusually desirable lot of road material, of which between seven and eight hundred loads have already been applied in places where it was much needed.

In this connection, your Committee desire to acknowledge the courtesy and public spirit of Capt. B. F. Pierce, who readily and for a small consideration opened this spot to the town by granting a thoroughfare through his premises.

The thanks of the town are also due to Mr. F. A. Winchester, for having given and applied with his own teams a considerable quantity of gravel in the centre of the town.

The surveyors notice with pleasure that several of the citizens have carefully removed the brush and small trees that were overhanging the roads, for the great benefit of travellers, and thereby saving the town much expense, and they would respectfully recommend the citizens generally to follow so good an example.

Your Committee have expended during the year the sum of sixteen hundred ninety-one dollars and forty-four cents, and have a credit (for sale of a horse) of sixty-five dollars; leaving a balance of one hundred twenty-six dollars and forty-four cents, a part of which was expended late in the season for necessary repairs, to protect the roads, and for levelling the gravel given by Mr. Winchester.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend that the town procure, if possible, some good gravel in the north part of the town, as the principal road in that section is much in need of that material.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

JOSEPH BURNETT, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE HAVING CHARGE OF THE TOWN HALL.

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 6, 1871.

The Committee having charge of the Town Hall submit the following report.

They made necessary arrangements with Mr. Curtis Hyde to act as janitor for the year at thirty cents per hour for his time actually employed in opening the hall and keeping it in order. And they adopted the following rules.

### RULES FOR LETTING THE HALL.

#### *Upper Hall.*

For lectures, . . . . .	\$6 00
concerts, . . . . .	10 00
outside exhibitions, . . . . .	15 00
balls from 8 o'clock P. M. to 1 o'clock A. M., . . . . .	20 00
(And five dollars per hour after one o'clock.)	
afternoon shows (summer), . . . . .	10 00
afternoon shows (winter), . . . . .	15 00
Cotillon parties not using lower hall and kitchen, per hour, . . . . .	3 00

#### *Lower Hall.*

For Farmers' Club, lighted and heated, . . . . .	\$2 00
Dancing school, " " . . . . .	2 50
Dancing school (summer), . . . . .	1 50
Cotillon parties and festival evenings <i>per hour</i> , including use of kitchen, . . . . .	2 00
Singing school, evening (light and heat), per hour, . . . . .	1 25
Lectures (light and heat), . . . . .	3 00
Evening exhibitions (light and heat), . . . . .	5 00

Farmers' Club annual exhibition, whole building free.

The Hall not to be *let* to any party or for any purpose likely to injure it.

Per order of the Committee.

And your Committee see no reason for any change at present in these Rules and Regulations.

During the year the upper hall has been opened and used twenty-four (24) times. The lower hall has been opened and used forty-eight (48) times. The building has also been opened about fifty (50) times, for the selectmen, assessors and other town officers.

All expenses of the year, including janitor fees, fuel, lights. etc., amount to three hundred twenty dollars and forty-four cents (\$320.44). The total income from the hall during the year amount, to two hundred ninety-four dollars and fifty cents (\$294.50). We have on hand at least forty dollars' worth of fuel and lights, and no account has been made of expenses incurred for lighting the library or for town purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH BURNETT,  
DEXTER NEWTON,  
J. H. ROBINSON,  
FRANKLIN ESTE,  
CURTIS HYDE,

*Committee.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF FAY LIBRARY.

JOSEPH BURNETT *in account with* FAY LIBRARY, SOUTHBOROUGH,  
*as Treasurer.*

To cash in treasury March, 1870,	\$528 58
cash, the <i>gift</i> of Hon. Francis B. Fay,	1,000 00
one year's interest on \$500 note,	30 00
six months' interest on \$1,000 note,	35 00
cash received of F. Este, treasurer of the town, for dog money,	169 31
cash received of F. Este, treasurer of the town (balance of insurance),	179 30
cash received of H. Este, librarian (for fines),	14 00
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	\$1,956 19

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By cash paid Lee & Shepard for books,	\$133 60
paid Johnson for repairs,	9 25
to balance,	1,813 34
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	\$1,956 19

JOSEPH BURNETT, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF FAY LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Fay Library are happy to be able to submit their annual report under so favorable auspices. Since our last report the library has been removed from its temporary location in the post-office building, to the large and commodious room provided for it in our new town house; and by the very generous gift of one thousand dollars received from the Hon. Francis B. Fay, we feel that its financial condition is such as to enable your Board of Trustees to replenish the library in the future, far better than they have been able to do in years past.

According to the report of the Librarian there were in the library at the commencement of the year, March, 1870, 2,540 volumes; there have been added by the Trustees and others 101 volumes, making the whole number of books now in the library 2,641 volumes. There have been delivered from the library the past year 4,671 volumes, averaging 99 $\frac{3}{4}$  volumes per week, all of which have been returned. The largest number of books delivered out in any one week, 152 volumes. The largest number delivered to any one family, 104 volumes. Received for fines, fourteen dollars (\$14). There have been 26 volumes rebound the past year, and there will probably have to be about the same number rebound the coming year.

We are glad to report the books in good condition, except some few that are worn out.

Your Board of Trustees decided that it was for the interest of the library that the gift of the Hon. F. B. Fay, received April 25th, 1870, be securely invested, and the interest expended in the purchase of books. Also that it was our agreeable duty to acknowledge the same, and tender our thanks to him for his generous gift to the Fay Library of Southborough.

Respectfully submitted.

F. N. PARKER,  
*Sec'y Board of Trustees.*

## LIST OF JURORS.

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 14, 1871.

The Board of Selectmen of the town of Southborough at a meeting held this day propose the names of the following persons to serve as jurors, as required by chapter 132 of the General Statutes of 1861:—

HENRY S. WHEELER,  
 MOSES A. EMORY,  
 HIRAM NICHOLS,  
 LEWIS BREWER,  
 GEORGE W. GOODNOW,  
 PETER FAY,  
 F. N. PARKER,  
 A. F. JOHNSON,  
 BENJAMIN F. PIERCE,

FRANCIS FISHER,  
 HENRY H. NEWTON,  
 BENJAMIN F. PRENTISS,  
 F. A. DORR,  
 CURTIS WOODS,  
 G. H. WINCHESTER,  
 MARTIN J. HUBBARD,  
 SYLVESTER FAY,  
 D. W. MITCHELL.

CURTIS NEWTON,  
 CALEB S. WILLIAMS,  
 F. A. DORR,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT, MAY 1, 1870.

## TOWN GRANT.

Town grant for ordinary purposes, . . . .	\$12,000 00
for highways, . . . .	1,500 00
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	\$13,500 00

## APPROPRIATIONS.

For highways and bridges, . . . .	\$1,500 00
Schools, . . . .	4,500 00
support of paupers, paying town debt and contingent expenses, . . . .	7,500 00
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	\$13,500 00
State tax, . . . . .	2,575 00
County tax, . . . . .	1,393 46
Overlayings, . . . . .	603 11
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Total tax raised, . . . . .	\$18,071 57

## VALUATION.

Personal property taxed, . . . . .	\$460,638 00
Real estate taxed, . . . . .	921,460 00
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	\$1,382,098 00
Exempt by law, . . . . .	5,945 00
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Total valuation, . . . . .	\$1,388,043 00
Polls pay each, including highway, . . . . .	\$2 30
One thousand dollars pays . . . . .	12 20
Total number of polls taxed, . . . . .	526
Total number of polls not taxed, . . . . .	8
Total number of dwelling-houses, . . . . .	361
Total number of horses, . . . . .	267
Total number of cows, . . . . .	881
Total number of sheep, . . . . .	3
Total number of acres of land taxed, . . . . .	9,516
Total number of children between 5 and 15 years, . . . . .	456

JAMES WILLIAMS,  
DEXTER NEWTON,  
NELSON GILMORE,  
*Assessors of Southborough.*

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1870, TO JANUARY 1, 1871.

<i>Births Registered</i> —Males, . . . . .	17
Females, . . . . .	28
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 45
 <i>Marriages Registered,</i> . . . . .	 15
 <i>Deaths Registered</i> —Males, . . . . .	 16
Females, . . . . .	21
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 37

*Deaths.*

Date of Death.	NAMES.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 7,	Alice F. Miller, . . . . .	9	6	7
16,	Polly Collins, . . . . .	79	9	12
20,	Caroline Brisland, . . . . .	20	-	-
27,	Ellen Burns, . . . . .	25	6	21
Feb. 4,	Moses Tyler, . . . . .	88	10	24
5,	Eliza D. Williams, . . . . .	51	5	24
Mar. 26,	Peter Newton, . . . . .	88	1	17
Apr. 11,	Rebecca Hyde, . . . . .	79	2	-
13,	Abbie S. Smith, . . . . .	55	11	10
May 13,	Edmund Parmenter, . . . . .	44	7	8
July 1,	William J. Cushing, . . . . .	-	7	-
18,	Isaac Day, . . . . .	64	-	20
20,	Florence Sullivan, . . . . .	-	9	6
23,	Mary Este, . . . . .	2	5	7
28,	Ellen L. Works, . . . . .	29	3	22
29,	Sarah Leary, . . . . .	-	4	9
Aug. 3,	George Cunneen, . . . . .	-	8	1
7,	Emeline L. Breck, . . . . .	74	7	-
18,	Michael O'Hara, . . . . .	45	9	-
18,	Mary W. Hunt, . . . . .	60	11	9
Sept 13,	Joseph Pelican, . . . . .	24	4	-
20,	Patrick Dunn, Jr., . . . . .	26	-	-
Oct. 3,	Henry O'Brien, . . . . .	10	6	8
21,	Daniel Este, . . . . .	75	9	10
4,	Abba Stone, . . . . .	20	8	5
9,	James Joice, . . . . .	30	-	-
23,	Jonathan Winchester, . . . . .	60	9	-
23,	Margrett Dunn, . . . . .	52	6	-
Nov. 14,	Ernest Fay, . . . . .	8	1	9
14,	Betsey Bishop, . . . . .	54	6	1
16,	Betsey Gardner, . . . . .	81	5	12
22,	Peter P. Howe, . . . . .	65	-	25
25,	Betsey Flagg, . . . . .	69	6	28
Dec. 5,	Laura J. Onthank, . . . . .	43	8	1
6,	Harriet Winchester, . . . . .	55	8	6
8,	Mary O'Brien, . . . . .	80	-	-
10,	Henrietta Goulding, . . . . .	74	11	10

FRANKLIN ESTE, *Town Clerk.*

## WHOLE EXPENSE OF TOWN HOUSE PROPER.

For foundation, paid in 1869-70, . . . . .	\$1,810 41
Underpinning and steps, paid in 1869-70, . . . . .	789 75
Above the underpinning, paid in 1869-70, . . . . .	22,139 20
Expense of furnace, paid in 1870-71, . . . . .	787 41
Expense of gas works, paid in 1870-71, . . . . .	1,512 70
Expense of furniture, paid in 1870-71, . . . . .	760 35
Expense of finishing and furnishing Fay Library, paid in 1870-71, . . . . .	401 40
Expense of water-closets, paid in 1870-71, . . . . .	243 19
Expense of extra w'k and material, p'd in 1870-71, . . . . .	304 72
Expense of insurance, builder's risk, paid 1870-71, . . . . .	84 75
Architect's commission, paid in 1870-71, . . . . .	500 00
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	\$29,333 88

### INCIDENTAL TO THE TOWN HOUSE.

For laying drains, pointing building and grad- ing, . . . . .	\$320 03
For expenses of well, . . . . .	309 76
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	629 79
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	\$29,963 67

JOSEPH BURNETT,  
DEXTER NEWTON,  
J. H. ROBINSON,  
FRANKLIN ESTE,  
CURTIS HYDE,

*Town House Building Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

Having had the experience of several years as Auditors, and making of the town reports, and knowing full well the difficulty of placing each bill or parts of a bill to the various accounts to which it belongs (as some are distributed under three or four different heads) without the assistance of one of the committee who employed the work done or furnished the material, we therefore take the liberty to make a few suggestions.

*First.* That the office of Auditor be dispensed with, as there is such a diversity of opinions as to the duty that they are to perform, and a sensitiveness with some town officers in having minor officers placed over them.

*Second.* That each committee, such as school committee, highway surveyors, overseers of the poor, and finally, each and every committee that is chosen to perform any kind of work, be authorized to audit their bills and draw their orders on the town treasurer, for all work performed and material furnished for their *department*, each bill and each order to be signed by at least a majority of the committee; and further, that they be required to furnish in due form for the printer all their doings as committee; for how can, for instance, the doings of the school committee be put in better form, if as good, than can be done by the school committee themselves? Likewise, the same to be required of all other committees that have accounts with the town. Also those that have reports to make to the town, to be required to furnish a duplicate of such report for the printer. And for the sundry bills that come outside of committees, that they be audited, and orders drawn and made up for publishing, by the selectmen; each committee to make their return to the town clerk, whose duty it shall be to arrange, and cause to be printed and circulated. It seems to us by following this or a similar course, that everything can be in readiness for the printer on the day of the close of the fiscal year, and might be printed and circulated within one week.

Our only desire in presenting these suggestions to the public is, that thereby there may be some course adopted whereby the town report will be furnished to the voters of the town at an earlier date, with less expense, and in a more acceptable form.

WILLIAM P. WILLSON,  
PETER FAY,  
FITCH A. WINCHESTER,  
*Auditors of Southborough.*

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF SOUTHBOROUGH,  
*For the School Year 1870-71.*

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SCHOOL REPORT.

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Time has fled apace, and we have again reached the close of another school-year.

It would be a strange neglect of an old and approved custom, if your Committee should fail to present to you, at this time, a full and complete statement of the school work; noting what has already been achieved, and what still waits to be accomplished. It would be still more strange, if the parents and guardians, whose dearest interests our schools are designed to guard, receive no encouragement from the work already wrought, or take no note of warning respecting this great work, always begun, always in progress, and always unfinished, or fail, we will not say to look on approvingly, but to come forward all together, in the full measure of their strength, to aid in lifting our schools to their highest plane of moral and intellectual development.

Lest any should err here, we hasten to say, that too many look upon the Committee as alone responsible for the entire work. Others again, more generous, nearer the truth, and yet afar off, join the teachers with the Committee, and they are held solely to account.

While the Committee are not anxious to shift the burden of any real responsibility; while they would not abate one jot of the legitimate accountability of our teachers, we undertake to say that all moral and intellectual movements are and must be wrought out in common with the entire community. No man, woman or child is exempt. We need not argue this point.

Believing that all are animated with a common desire for the well-being of our schools, let us proceed to note what we may *not* do, lest it not only militate against but utterly defeat our purpose.

We are told that "order is Heaven's first law." Our teachers, perhaps, more than any class in the community, feel the full force of this grand truth. Day by day they are made to realize, that it lies at the very foundation of their success.

To this end they institute certain forms and regulations, for the

better ordering of the school work. These regulations, in and of themselves considered, may seem unimportant, but taken together, tend to a common result.

Very unfortunately, however, parents who see but a single point, and who have not taken the trouble to grasp the whole, unwisely tell the little boy or girl, who, like children, complain of the requirement as being irksome, that they need not do it. When asked to give their reasons for doing this thing, they answer that "they did not see the good of it." Parents may not be aware that they tread upon dangerous ground. For example: The parent has told the lad or miss that they must do this, that or the other thing, in the morning, at noontime or after school, as the case may be, and where they have full and complete authority in the premises. We will presume the command to be reasonable and that it is the imperative duty of the child to obey. We will imagine, however, that this youth complains to the teacher of its hardship, and thereupon the teacher says, "You need not do it." Immediately, and perhaps without a smiling face, you go to the teacher and demand how he or she dare to disturb your authority? They may answer as you did, that "they did not see the good of it." It is a poor rule that will not work both ways. Then let our teachers have full and undisturbed authority in all right things within their sphere.

At the outset, and at the beginning of the school-year, the Committee called the teachers together for the purpose of presenting to them their views and aims, not only that both might work together more harmoniously, but more advantageously as well. We deem it pertinent to apprise teachers in advance of these things, as it affords them an opportunity to address themselves to a well defined work.

Prominently, and in the foreground, we placed the care of school property. We would have this preserved intact.

They were then charged to be particular in reading, and spelling and the abbreviations, not omitting punctuation. If children did not learn to read and spell in the common school it was a great misfortune, and some one was blameworthy. It had been said, that a youth at fourteen ought to be able to read correctly, and to spell every word in the English language. We asked them to put this question to the test.

We advised against prepared examinations. This, we believe, has been a fault, hitherto, in some of our schools. Valuable time has been wasted in picking and choosing this or that, in the different branches, and making special preparation over these for display.

We would have this practice cease,—would have the examination cover the entire ground. This would require thoroughness of work.

Moreover, we would have them strictly honest with us in all our examinations, that it might be understood that these would be conducted under the immediate supervision of the Committee; that it should be done kindly. If, however, there was an attempt to deceive, the result must be upon their own head. Other points of minor importance are not here noted.

We will now state that the teachers have labored with us very cordially, and very successfully.

In view of this fact, it may safely be presumed that our teachers, one and all, are striving, in the highest sense, not only for the best interests of the school, collectively, but of each individual member composing the school; so that parents and guardians, if any such there are, who unwisely throw impediments in their way, will temporarily, at least, interrupt or suspend this healthy and desirable state of things. What possible motive can a teacher have to pursue a contrary course? Does not honesty, fidelity and a sense of personal accountability to interested parties draw them steadily in this direction?

We take this opportunity to commend those teachers who have taken great pains to instruct their pupils in many things aside from their books. Physiology, botany and geology have been laid under contribution, and much practical knowledge gained. These latter have clothed natural objects around them with new interest. This method of oral instruction cannot be too much encouraged.

We will take this occasion to remark that much of the irregularity in the attendance; during the winter term, in some wards, has been owing, in large measure, to sickness.

The Committee always approach the discussion of the merits of each individual teacher with many misgivings. To mete out to each their exact quantum of praise, is, perhaps, next to impossible. There is required, of course, a knowledge of the work; this, with a plentiful share of candor and fairness, will alone enable one to discriminate wisely. It has often occurred to us, that the prize may not belong to those who have received most applause at the terminal examinations so properly as to those others less fortunate who have received a lesser meed of praise. The condition of the school at the outset, the character and capacity of the school, so to speak, must necessarily enter into the account. Premising these few remarks, we will now proceed to give each school a passing review.

## WARD ONE.

Miss P. W. TRACY, of Nantucket, who had previously taught six years in the public schools of this Commonwealth, was employed. She is perfectly at home in the school-room, and performs her work in the best manner. Her ways, so winning, have secured for her the respect and affection of every pupil.

We enjoy a school visit where we find the teacher and pupils working harmoniously together; and good discipline at all times maintained. Miss Tracy aims at thoroughness in every branch of study, and strives to make the scholar so familiar with each lesson, that it shall become a permanent acquisition. This school has enjoyed superior opportunities the past year. It would prove a public calamity to lose this teacher.

## WARD TWO.

For the spring term we employed a young lady from Framingham, who had taught several terms immediately preceding. She was unwilling to engage for more than one term, and upon its expiration, withdrew. We believe that she labored to make this, although her last term, the most profitable of any in this ward. She certainly looked very carefully after the school property, which we most heartily commend.

Miss MARY S. WHIPPEY, of Nantucket, a teacher with three full years of experience, and with an education sufficient to take charge of a high school, was retained for the fall term. Although her school was quite small, still, by object teaching, and various general exercises, she interested her pupils beyond what had been seen before. At the close, it was apparent that the teacher had been very thorough in every branch. We were so well pleased with the good work begun, and in progress, that we retained her for the winter term.

Rarely do we find a teacher so willing to devote their entire energies to their school. There is here a continual striving after the best interests of each scholar. Each and every one receives due measure of attention.

Those pupils, hitherto backward, have been pushed forward; while those more ready have received a decided impetus. We noted great progress in reading, spelling and writing, nay, in every branch of study. The pupils have been so taught, that they begin to comprehend what is implied by the term "thoroughness."

Special attention was also paid to writing, and the teacher very carefully preserved for our inspection every book used during the

term. Their neatness and the manifest improvement did not escape us.

A great work has been wrought, and we only hope that the school may continue in the same hands for many years.

#### WARD THREE.

Miss S. E. LOVELL, who had taught here with such eminent success the previous year, was reemployed. There is an easy grace in all her movements in the school-room. She meets there with few surprises. While she is perfectly familiar with the entire routine of school duties, she is alike familiar with each branch of study pursued. In her instruction she is exact, and throws a fund of light upon each lesson. Much general information, aside from the book, is thus imparted; so that pupils, before they themselves are aware, are deeply interested, and anxious to pursue the subject further. We have noticed this happy feature in other teachers, and we shall be excused for mentioning those who we think superadd this in a special manner to their other qualifications,—Miss Tracy, Miss Whippley and Miss Pulsifer. All, however, have done much in this direction. Miss Lovell has performed a great work here, and we hope that many years more of like service are in store for this school.

#### WARD FOUR.

A young lady from Ashland was engaged for the spring term. Her school was quite large, with a heavy foreign element. She applied herself with determination to her work. She endeavored to give full employment to her pupils, and her success was such that she was retained for the fall term. We believe that Miss CHICKERING worked very hard and was faithful in all her relations to the school, and her labors were not unrewarded. There was evidence at the close, that reading, spelling and writing had been carefully taught. The writing books were especially neat, and showed progress and care on the part of the writers. At the close of the fall term the teacher resigned, and has since been pursuing an advanced course of study, with a view, doubtless, to a more elaborate preparation for this work.

We were fortunate in securing Miss ELLA D. PULSIFER, of Hyannis, to fill the vacancy. She is a teacher of large experience, and, withal, understands her business. She has taken great pains with her reading and spelling classes, and not only so, but this painstaking has run through all the branches. Those pupils who have failed under her excellent tuition, to make great progress, may

despair of ever becoming scholars. Nothing is done by halves, but in the most thorough manner. There has been in this school, during the past term, to go back no further, a great want of regularity in the attendance. The same fault prevails in the South-ville schools, although not as extensively. He is not wise, who looks for that measure of progress in a school loosely attended, that may be seen in one where regularity appears to be a cardinal virtue. Herein, possibly, may be found a solution of the complaint emanating from this quarter, that they do not receive their due proportion of the school moneys: whereas no effort is made to turn to good account the amount received. Moreover, *four* schools are established and maintained by the town *expressly* for these two wards, Nos. 4 and 7, while the other wards have only one each. The Hon. Edmund Burke well said: "If we cry like children for the moon, like children we must cry on." But to return. The good intentions of teacher and Committee are alike defeated by this irregularity and lack of cordial support.

The unusual extremes of cold weather will not altogether account for this defect, as previous records will show. The teacher endeavored to set up a barrier against it, and with such success that the evil was in some measure abated; but there is still left a wide margin for improvement. Parents must lend the teacher a helping hand in this matter, for without their aid the teacher labors at disadvantage. This ward may be proud of its teacher.

#### WARD FIVE.

No change has been made here. It is neither wise or safe to run counter to the wishes of an entire ward; but it is extremely fortunate, when the wishes of the district and Committee run parallel. Suffice it to say, that the teacher has been, and now is, among the faithful found. For a brief season, the school was interrupted by the illness of the teacher. At the end of two weeks, however, the school was reopened, and has been carried forward to the acceptance of interested parties. It is within our recollection when this teacher was first employed in this ward, and we, at that time, ventured to predict her success, and we are happy to say that our anticipations have been fully realized. To our knowledge, no teacher in this town ever taught for so many years in one ward, and we do not speak at random when we say that her success during all these years has been most marked.

## WARD SIX.

The teacher who had charge of this school the preceding term was re-employed. That she endeavored to be faithful in all her school duties we are bound in charity to believe. If she was fortunate in her government and instruction, she was unfortunate in attempting to conceal from the Committee, at the close of the term, the exact condition of the school, by prompting pupils behind her book, again and again, a practice which we shall never fail to condemn. We were the more surprised at this, for the reason that, at the outset, we advised the teachers that we would not tolerate any deception; that we wanted fair play, and that we would return the compliment. We regret to say that our impressions were not altogether happy.

For the fall term, a young lady from Northborough, a graduate of the Normal School, was employed. This school is quite small, numbering less than a score. In such a school it is quite hard to arouse a spirit of enthusiasm, and if such a spirit could be aroused, it would be difficult to keep the fire burning. Miss BRIGHAM labored diligently and with fidelity. We do not believe that any pupil has been intentionally overlooked. She evidently aims to take a high stand as a teacher and disciplinarian, and with experience, which she is fast gaining, we venture to predict for her, success. The Committee were so well pleased with the work accomplished, that she was retained for the winter term. We have noticed at every visit a spirit of painstaking, and a determination to perform her round of school duties in the best manner. There has been no want of progress in reading, spelling and writing, nor indeed in any branch taught. We are satisfied with the work wrought during each term.

## WARD SEVEN.—(PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.)

Here we have a very large school of very small children. To be able to manage this school efficiently, it is needful that the little minds and hands have a diversity of employment. One expedient will not suffice for an entire term. Reading and spelling, diversified with singing, drawing upon the slate or board, or other kindred employment, suited to their age, is quite essential. It is not wise to overtax the little ones. We would have them cheerful and happy, and not too early overloaded with the drudgery of the school-room. And here we will take occasion to remark, that parents do their children great harm by hurrying them to school at an age altogether too tender. A good deal of the dislike for school-going may

be traced to this parental mistake. Your Committee may not be altogether unaware why they are sent so prematurely. Allow us here to ask this question: If you cannot control them singly, how can a teacher, unless more than human, control them *en masse*?

MISS MARTHA S. FAY, of Westborough, who had taught here the previous year, had charge of this school during the spring and fall terms. Miss Fay is deserving great commendation for the faithful manner in which she prosecuted her labors here. Quite unexpectedly, at the close of the fall term, we were called upon to accept her resignation, when her services had become well-nigh a necessity.

A MISS VALENTINE, of Northborough, was engaged for the winter term. At the end of two weeks, sickness compelled her to resign. The Committee can only say that they were very favorably impressed with her manner in the school-room. We regretted her inability to remain.

MISS THOMPSON, of Hopkinton, supplied this vacancy. She possesses every qualification to carry this school forward successfully. We have always found it in perfect order. To keep so many little ones under such discipline as we have witnessed, requires certain rare qualities, of which Miss Thompson is the exponent. Reading and spelling have been carefully taught. Miss Thompson has labored diligently to secure regularity of attendance on the part of the little ones, and her labors have not been unrewarded. We regret our inability to offer her sufficient inducement to remain.

#### WARD SEVEN.—(UPPER DEPARTMENT.)

MISS ISOTA L. TYLER has continued in charge throughout the school-year. It is a pleasure to visit this school. We have uniformly found the pupils busy and the room almost as quiet as one's private study. Neither tumbling of books or slates, or noise of heavy boots is heard here. The care and exactness of the teacher in every branch, together with the order and stillness of the school-room, entitle this school fairly to the honor of being considered as a model ward school. We do not intend to disguise the fact that this is in some measure a graded school. We have never had occasion to utter a fault-finding word here during the year. The exercises which we have witnessed have been without fault. We need only add that Miss Tyler should be retained so long as her labors are so abundantly rewarded.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Here we have a master of large experience, who is enthusiastic and wide-awake. His school is quite large, the majority being rather

small for a grammar school. But notwithstanding, the teacher addresses himself heroically to his work. His methods of instruction differ from those of any other teacher in town. We believe in allowing instructors to pursue their own plans in the school-room, if legitimate, with, if need be, an occasional kindly hint. If we mistake not, Mr. Davis's plan is this: Every scholar is required to commit to memory the entire lesson, whether in algebra, arithmetic, history or grammar. We believe that the herculean labors of the teacher would have been crowned with still better success had his pupils been older and possessed more maturity of mind. Still, it is matter of surprise how Mr. Davis, with his material, has been able to accomplish so great a work. Nothing short of the most entire devotion to one's work can secure such happy results. In leading his pupils forward, and encouraging them to surmount difficulties, he has a fortunate way of his own. He also encourages independence and self-reliance in recitation. Whatever can be done to-day is not only done, but *thoroughly* done, so that the morrow is not encumbered by the duties of to-day. Of course, as already intimated, he requires all scientific rules to be memorized *verbatim et literatim*. The zeal of the master has inspired the whole school. If the pupils have been able to digest in the rapidity of their movements what they have passed over, and such appears to be the fact from the most careful observation, they are proficient already. Those who have visited this school, at its several examinations, cannot but have been filled with astonishment at the remarkable readiness of each class. Everything moves with surprising swiftness, indicating the high state of discipline. Indeed, as a disciplinarian, Mr. Davis cannot be surpassed. We will close by repeating a remark made to us by one of the patrons of this school, that his daughter had made more and better progress, during the past year, than had been made during the three or four preceding years, when she attended another school.

#### PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

It needs no longer to be concealed that we have realized, hitherto, but a moiety of the benefit anticipated by the establishment of the above-mentioned institution. It has not been the fault of the Committee, however, but of circumstances beyond their control. We apprehend that it has ever been their aim to secure a permanent mastership in this school. But disappointment has followed disappointment, till at length we were jostled down to the last year.

At the beginning of the year the Committee were called upon to

supply a teacher for the Peters High School. There was nothing unusual in this. We set about it at once, however, with the determination to throw around our selection every possible safeguard to secure the long wished for permanence. To this end we resolved to engage no one who was not willing to come to town and remain as long as their labors were successful. With this understanding we employed Mr. Lincoln, a gentleman of rare scholarship, and with an experience of two years as an educator. He had scarcely commenced his second term, however, when he was offered a position in a Boston school, with a large increase of salary. With this offer in hand, he came to the Committee and stated that this appointment was expected prior to his engagement with us; that he would donate to the school his salary for the two weeks' session, to be expended, under the supervision of his successor, in books for the teacher's desk. It was so apparent that the teacher was anxious to leave this for a more lucrative post, and a closer proximity to his home, that the Committee did not feel at liberty to interpose an objection. A disappointed, a dissatisfied, an unwilling servant is never a good one. Accordingly the school was closed, and the teacher left town. His stay was so brief that we can hardly form a correct estimate of his labors. He certainly enjoyed in an eminent degree the respect of all his pupils. The Committee, although greatly disappointed, addressed themselves renewedly to the task of securing permanence in the tutorship of the Peters High School. With considerable expedition, and the rarest good fortune, we engaged another gentleman of the finest culture, and very ample experience. The sequel proves that this school has been waiting for this able teacher and disciplinarian. We feel like congratulating our fellow-citizens upon our providential success.

The Principal has been assisted during the past term by Miss DAY, whose tact and resources have aided not a little in bringing the school to its present level. She enjoys, we are happy to say, in unlimited measure, the confidence and affections of every class in her department. The school was never in better order, and never in a more prosperous condition. Mr. HOWE, upon his first entrance, did not find, properly speaking, a high school. Now order has been brought out of disorder, and the irregular course of study hitherto pursued is giving place to one systematic and regular. The school is fast winning the confidence of our best citizens, who no longer feel the necessity of sending their children away for what our own institution should furnish. Our youth, who are now looking to a collegiate course, can be fitted here as well as elsewhere; and if

their means are limited they can pursue such a course as shall fall little short of the regular college curriculum.

In conclusion, it will be allowed us to say that, like our predecessors, we have endeavored to infuse new life and energy into every department of our school machinery, and that we do now most earnestly bespeak the active coöperation of all our citizens in this important work. Unless we advance, we recede. Let us then gird ourselves anew for this great work, that the incoming year may yield us harvests more golden than we have dreamed of in the one that is past. Thanking our fellow-citizens for their past liberality towards our schools, and trusting that the future will receive provision equally wise and munificent, we close our Report for the year 1870-71.

RICHARDSON GODDARD,  
DEXTER NEWTON,  
D. W. MITCHELL,

*School Committee of Southborough.*

## STATISTICS.

## FIRST TERM.

WARDS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Length of School, mos.	Wages of Teachers per mo., including board.
No. 1, . . . .	Phebe W. Tracy, .	56	42	2	-	3	\$2 00
2, . . . .	Helen G. Barnard,	18	12	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	28 00
3, . . . .	Sarah E. Lovell, .	46	36	2	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	40 00
4, . . . .	M. E. Chickering, .	63	51	1	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 00
5, . . . .	C. B. Grow, .	23	20	3	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	28 00
6, . . . .	S. G. Batchelder, .	18	16	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	28 00
7, Upper Room,	Isota L. Tyler, .	37	27	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 00
7, Lower Room,	Martha S. Fay, .	76	59	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	28 00

## SECOND TERM.

No. 1, . . . .	Phebe W. Tracy, .	59	48	2	1	3	\$40 00
2, . . . .	Mary S. Whippey,	13	10	-	-	3	32 00
3, . . . .	Sarah E. Lovell, .	46	38	1	-	3	40 00
4, . . . .	M. E. Chickering, .	48	41	-	-	3	32 00
5, . . . .	C. B. Grow, .	24	20	4	-	3	28 00
6, . . . .	C. A. Brigham, .	16	13	-	-	3	28 00
7, Upper Room,	Isota L. Tyler, .	39	32	-	-	3	32 00
7, Lower Room,	Martha S. Fay, .	61	46	-	-	3	30 00

## THIRD TERM.

No. 1, . . . .	Phebe W. Tracy, .	57	43	-	-	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$40 00
2, . . . .	Mary S. Whippey,	17	12	-	-	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
3, . . . .	Sarah E. Lovell, .	37	26	-	-	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
4, . . . .	Ella D. Pulsifer, .	37	29	1	-	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
5, . . . .	C. B. Grow, .	18	13	1	-	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 00
6, . . . .	C. A. Brigham, .	15	11	-	-	3	28 00
7, Upper Room,	Isota L. Tyler, .	27	21	-	-	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 00
7, Lower Room,	A. L. Thompson, .	53	44	1	-	3 $\frac{3}{16}$	32 00

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Term, . .	George W. Davis, .	39	34	-	3	3	\$75 00
Second Term, .	George W. Davis, .	58	48	-	3	3	75 00
Third Term, . .	George W. Davis, .	54	44	-	7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	75 00

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

First Term, . .	C. J. Lincoln, .	30	25	-	16	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$120 00
Second Term, .	A. S. Howe, .	40	35	-	13	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	120 00
Third Term, . .	A. S. Howe, .	54	45	-	36	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	120 00

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES  
OF THE  
**Town of Southborough,**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
March 4, 1872.



YARMOUTH PORT, MASS:  
GEORGE OTIS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.  
1872.

# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1872.

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TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, AND COLLECTOR:  
FRANKLIN ESTE.

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SELECTMEN:

WILLIAM H. BUCK, FRANCIS W. HAYDEN,  
NELSON GILMORE.

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ASSESSORS:

JAMES WILLIAMS, JONAS FAY, GEORGE C. HARLOW

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

GEORGE C. HARLOW, B. F. PIERCE, MOSES EMERY.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

JONAS FAY, R. GODDARD, REV. JOHN COLBY.

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CONSTABLES:

F. W. WALKER, TIMOTHY MURRY,  
JOHN W. HAMMOND, HENRY S. WHEELER.

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HIGHWAY SURVEYORS, *not chosen*.

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AUDITORS, *not chosen*.

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FENCE VIEWERS:

DR. JOSEPH BURNETT, W. H. BUCK, PETER FAY.

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TRUSTEES OF FAY LIBRARY:

HON. FRANCIS B. FAY, FRANKLIN ESTE,  
REV. JOHN COLBY, DEXTER NEWTON,  
DR. JOSEPH BURNETT, W. H. BUCK,  
REV. W. H. WATSON, TROWBRIDGE BRIGHAM,  
DR. J. H. ROBINSON, W. B. RICE,  
L. W. NEWTON.

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TRUSTEES APPOINTED:

HEMAN ESTE, *Librarian*.

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COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF TOWN HOUSE:

H. F. WEBSTER, CURTIS HYDE, I. G. HOWE.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

CURTIS HYDE, *Junitor*.

# REPORT.

Statement of Town Treasurer, showing the indebtedness of the Town, March 4, 1872, compared with what it was March 3, 1871.

## TOWN ASSETS.

Uncollected Taxes.....	\$565 02
Cash in Treasury.....	2,296 62
Land purchased of F. A. Winchester.....	250 00
Amount due from State.....	790 00
	<hr/> \$3,901 64

## TOWN DEBT.

Date of Note.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	When Payable.	Amount.
Dec. 18, 1860,	Industrial School.....	On demand,	\$5,000 00
May 2, 1861,	" ".....	" "	7,000 00
Nov. 1, 1863,	Fay Library.....	On demand,	500 00
Sept. 10, 1869,	M. K. Johnson.....	" "	1,200 00
" 30, 1869,	Worcester Mutual Fire Ins. Co.,	" "	10,000 00
July 1, 1870,	W. P. Willson.....	" "	4,000 00
Feb. 1, 1870,	Dolly Bond.....	" "	1,000 00
" 4, 1870,	Mary P. Clifford.....	" "	750 00
" 21, 1870,	Worcester Mutual Fire Ins. Co.,	" "	10,000 00
Apr. 27, 1870,	Fay Library.....	" "	1,000 00
			<hr/> \$40,450 00
Interest on said notes to March 2, 1872.....			680 00
			<hr/> \$41,130 00
Deduct assets.....			3,901 64
Balance of indebtedness, March 3, 1872.....			<hr/> \$37,228 36
Balance of indebtedness March 3, 1871.....		\$38,074 85	
" " " March 2, 1872.....		37,228 36	
Decrease of Town debt.....			<hr/> \$846 47

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Franklin Este, in account current with the Town of Southborough, from  
March 3, 1871, to March 2, 1872.

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes for the year 1869.....	\$311 19
"    "    "    "    "    1870.....	923 79
Taxes for the year 1871.....	18,238 33
Interest collected on taxes.....	89 28
	<hr/> \$19,562 59

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By cash paid Town Treasurer.....	\$17,302 03
"    "    "    for County Tax.....	1,393 46
" uncollected taxes for the year 1869.....	6 66
"    "    "    "    "    "    1870.....	25 67
"    "    "    "    "    "    1871.....	532 69
" abatement of taxes.....	302 08
	<hr/> \$19,562 59

(Signed)

FRANKLIN ESTE, *Collector.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1, 1872.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Collector's Report, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DEXTER NEWTON,	} Assessors of Southborough.
NELSON GILMORE,	
HENRY S. WHEELER,	

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

F. Este, Town Treasurer, in account with the Town of Southborough, from March 3, 1871, to March 2, 1872.

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To cash in Treasury, March 4, 1871, . . . . .	\$1,348 18	By cash paid on Town orders, . . . . .	\$12,776 37
received cash of Collector, . . . . .	17,302 03	paid for State Tax, . . . . .	2,575 99
received cash of State School Fund, . . . . .	192 84	paid for interest on Town debt, . . . . .	2,972 63
received cash of Corporation Tax from State, . . . . .	264 42	paid for interest on temporary loans, . . . . .	187 80
received cash of Dog Fund, . . . . .	194 81	paid Joseph Burnett, Highway Surveyor, . . . . .	126 44
received cash of reimbursement of State aid, . . . . .	400 00	in Treasury, . . . . .	2,296 60
received cash of State National Bank Tax, . . . . .	617 17		
received cash for nine lots in Cemetery, . . . . .	42 00		
received cash for use of Town Hall, . . . . .	149 00		
received cash from sale of personal property by Overseers of Poor, . . . . .	218 64		
received cash from Town of Blackstone, . . . . .	61 78		
received cash from O. S. Streeter and W. Kenni- son, for tuition of non-resident scholars, . . . . .	26 00		
received from sale of furniture at Town House, . . . . .	17 00		
received cash of D. Newton, for lumber sold at High School-house, . . . . .	35 97		
received cash of A. S. Howe and Dexter Newton, for tuition in drawing, . . . . .	65 00		
	<hr/> \$20,934 84		<hr/> \$20,934 84

(Signed)

FRANKLIN ESTE, *Town Treasurer.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 2, 1872.—We hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

(Signed)

DANA FLAGG, }  
DEXTER NEWTON, } Auditors  
WM. H. BUCK, } of  
Southborough.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of children in town between five and fifteen years, 427

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Alvah S. Howe, principal, for teaching,	.	\$1,200 00
F. Lizzie Flagg, assistant,	"	156 00
Belle R. Wood,	"	156 00
Isabella Coburn,	"	96 00
for fuel, and preparing same,	.	99 19
for care of fires and rooms,	.	94 05
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		1,801 24
Deduct am't received for tuition in drawing,	\$65 00	
" " due " " " "	18 00	
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		83 00
Total,	.	<hr/>
		\$1,718 24

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid George W. Davis, for teaching,	.	\$337 50
Jordan Stacy, 2d,	"	356 25
for fuel and preparing same,	.	60 13
for care of fires and room,	.	15 37
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Total,	.	\$769 25

## WARD 1 (CENTRE).

Paid Phebe W. Tracy, for teaching,	.	\$230 00
E. A. Taylor,	"	90 00
for fuel and preparing same,	.	26 00
for care of fires and room,	.	9 50
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Total,	.	\$355 50

## WARD 2 (EAST END).

Paid Mary S. Whippley, for teaching,	.	.	\$294 00
for fuel and preparing same,	.	.	21 35
Total,	.	.	<u>315 35</u>

## WARD 3 (FAYVILLE).

Paid Sarah E. Lovell, for teaching,	.	.	\$170 00
Belle R. Morse, " "	.	.	60 00
A. R. Brigham, " "	.	.	110 00
expenses of teacher,	.	.	1 20
for fuel and preparing same,	.	.	20 83
for care of fires and room,	.	.	7 75
Total,	.	.	<u>\$369 78</u>

## WARD 4 (CORDAVILLE).

Paid Carrie A. Hobbs, for teaching	.	.	\$312 00
for fuel and preparing same,	.	.	29 07
for care of fires and room,	.	.	8 25
Total,	.	.	<u>\$349 32</u>

## WARD 5 (FLAGG).

Paid C. B. Grow, for teaching,	.	.	\$84 00
L. M. Chamberlain, " "	.	.	165 00
for fuel and preparing same,	.	.	25 00
for care of fires and room,	.	.	9 00
Total,	.	.	<u>\$283 00</u>

## WARD 6 (WEST END).

Paid Carrie E. Glover, for teaching, . . . .	\$161 00
G. A. Van Omman, " . . . .	77 00
for fuel and preparing same, . . . .	22 50
for care of fires, &c., . . . .	7 00
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	\$267 50
Deduct amount received for tuition of non-resident scholars, . . . .	\$26 00
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Total cost, . . . .	\$241 50

No. 7 — *Two Schools* — (SOUTHVILLE).

Paid Isota L. Tyler, for teaching, . . . .	\$102 00
C. B. Grow, . . . .	192 50
Carrie E. Wiswall, . . . .	276 50
for fuel and preparing same, . . . .	67 63
for care of fires and rooms, . . . .	15 25
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	\$653 88

## RECAPITULATION OF SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Expended for teachers,—	
For Peters High School . . . .	\$1,608 00
Grammar School, . . . .	693 75
Ward No. 1, . . . .	320 00
No. 2, . . . .	294 00
No. 3, . . . .	340 00
No. 4, . . . .	312 00
No. 5, . . . .	249 00
No. 6, . . . .	238 00
No. 7, . . . .	571 00

Amount paid for fuel and preparing same, . . .	371 70
care of fires and rooms, . . .	167 37
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	\$5,164 82
Amount received for tuition, as aforesaid, . . .	91 00
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Whole amount paid out for schools, . . .	\$5,073 82
Amount due for tuition, . . .	18 00
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Actual expense of schools, . . .	\$5,055 82
Available funds for schools, 1871-2 :—	
Town appropriation for schools, . . .	\$4,500 00
Dog fund, . . .	194 81
School fund, . . .	192 84
Received for tuition, . . .	91 00
Amount due for tuition, . . .	18 00
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	\$4,996 65
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Expended beyond appropriations, . . .	\$59 17

EXPENSE, IN DETAIL, OF FUEL FOR SCHOOLS, CARE OF FIRES  
AND SCHOOL ROOMS, ETC.

Paid D. H. Thompson, for care fires and cutting wood, . . .	\$2 50
T. Bagley, for care of fires, . . .	12 00
Hannah Bagley, cleaning and sweeping school- houses, . . .	13 50
J. Maley, for care of fires, . . .	10 00
O. Nichols, for wood, . . .	12 25
D. W. Mitchell, for wood, . . .	3 37
N. Richards, for care of fires, . . .	4 50
N. Young, for care of fires, . . .	12 00
F. A. Dorr, for wood and coal, . . .	146 08
Charles Haven, for cutting wood, . . .	6 00
W. O'Brien, for care of fires, . . .	4 50
H. Tyler, for care of fires, . . .	3 50

W. Este, for care of fires, . . . . .	1 50
S. McDevit, for cleaning school-houses, . . . . .	1 25
M. Sullivan, for care of fires, . . . . .	5 50
I. Howard, for care of fires, . . . . .	3 00
L. M. Chamberlain, for care of fires, . . . . .	6 00
Walter Parker, for care of fires, . . . . .	10 00
J. Cunneen, for care of fires, . . . . .	6 00
Mrs. Killgarrieff, sweeping and cleaning school-house, . . . . .	23 00
A. J. Newton, for wood, . . . . .	3 50
George C. Harlow, for wood, . . . . .	63 00
C. Hyde, for care of fires, . . . . .	13 80
Dennis Collins, for care of fires and cutting wood, . . . . .	25 75
L. T. Collins, for cutting wood, . . . . .	4 00
F. A. Dorr, for carting coal, . . . . .	3 00
D. Newton, for wood, . . . . .	17 33
R. Goddard, for wood and shavings, . . . . .	18 10
L. W. Newton, for coal, . . . . .	46 58
W. R. Winchester, for care of fires, . . . . .	6 00
J. Lahey, for cleaning school-house, . . . . .	1 25
E. Claffin, for care of fires, . . . . .	6 00
S. O. Brigham, for care of fires, . . . . .	3 00
L. W. Newton, for coal, . . . . .	39 11
B. E. Fisher, packing wood, etc., . . . . .	1 00
A. R. Brigham, teacher, for expenses, . . . . .	1 20
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	\$539 07

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#### INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid D. W. Mitchell, for cash paid for books, crayons, etc., . . . . .	\$19 88
Wright Brothers, for crayons, brooms, etc., . . . . .	15 11
D. H. Thompson, for repairing clock in school-house, in Ward 3, . . . . .	1 80

D. W. Mitchell, for cash paid for cleaning clock, stove grate, etc., . . . . .	2 69
D. W. Mitchell, for cash paid for coal hods, books, crayons and black-board, . . . . .	16 65
W. Flanders & Co., for advertising for teacher, . . . . .	1 04
A. S. Howe, for cash paid for printing order of studies, etc., . . . . .	9 00
Bridget Killgarrieff, for cleaning H. S. house, after repairs, . . . . .	5 00
Bridget Bagley, for cleaning H. S. house, after repairs, . . . . .	5 00
Hannah Bagley, for cleaning H. S. house, after repairs, . . . . .	62
L. W. Newton, for books, crayons, ink, brooms, etc., . . . . .	55 51
C. H. Merrill, for crayons, ink, brooms, etc., . . . . .	5 78
Henry A. Dickerman & Co., for maps, . . . . .	11 50
Bigelow & Brown, for dictionaries, . . . . .	17 53
H. Este, for cleaning and repairing clocks, . . . . .	3 89
A. S. Howe, for cash paid for ink, erasers, crayons, etc., . . . . .	10 87
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	\$181 62

EXPENSE OF REPAIRING SCHOOL-HOUSES, AND FOR NEW STOVES.

B. F. Prentiss, for repairing school-house in Ward 7, . . . . .	\$14 30
A. E. Wiswall, for tin to stove, . . . . .	50
Curtis Hyde, for repairing blackboard, . . . . .	81
R. Goddard, for 2 settees and bench for school-house in Ward 7, . . . . .	3 00
F. A. Dorr, for boards for coal bin at Grammar school-house, . . . . .	1 00
Bradley & Brigham, for stove, pipe, &c., . . . . .	37 65
J. A. Page, for repairing school-house in Ward 2, . . . . .	11 37
Curtis Hyde, for repairing school-houses, . . . . .	16 98

D. A. Carr, for stove-pipe, damper, &c., . . . . .	21 87
G. W. Walker & Co., for repairing furnace, &c., . . . . .	92 42
O. L. Gridley, for 3 stoves, freight, &c., . . . . .	36 42
C. B. Sawin, for lumber for steps to school-houses, . . . . .	6 96
J. A. Page, for work on High school-house, . . . . .	50 98
S. & A. Smith, for lumber for do., . . . . .	126 83
Marshall P. Rogers, for work on do., . . . . .	63 50
W. A. Walker, for 6 new pump-tops and for repairing pump, . . . . .	57 00
William Homes, for making school-house steps, . . . . .	10 00
Lyman Newton, for freight and carting, . . . . .	1 78
Bradley & Brigham, for stove, zinc, pipe, &c., . . . . .	15 41
A. S. Howe, for 10 chairs, 4 tables, &c, for H. school-house, . . . . .	8 89
Curtis Hyde, for building fence in H. school-yard, . . . . .	47 39
George W. Walker & Co., for register and repairing furnace, . . . . .	7 20
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	\$632 26

## HIGHWAY SURVEYORS' REPORT.

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 4, 1872.

Your Road Committee for the year 1871 were able to begin work on the roads, on the eleventh day of last March.

They were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. Warren Parmenter for the season. They purchased another horse-cart and harness, and two horses, which enabled them to work two teams to good advantage.

Upwards of six thousand loads of material, nearly all good gravel, have been put on the roads in this town, during the last season, including, however, over two thousand loads, applied and paid for, by the Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg Rail Road Corporation, in making the grade over the bridge in the north part of the town.

Early in the season, your committee recommended the selectmen to secure gravel, if possible, in the north and south part of the town; and they called their attention to a gravel-hill, owned by Mr. F. A. Winchester, north of the centre of the town; and to a bed of good gravel, in Southville, belonging to Mr. O'Brien; both of these valuable lots were secured,—the first by purchase of the land, by the town, which will furnish a large supply for future use; and the latter by the purchase of a limited area, a great part of which has been already taken. They also bought a lot of good road material of Mr. William Smith, of Cordaville, of which from two to three hundred loads have already been used and from thirty to forty loads remain to be taken.

Your committee have expended, during the year, for repair of highways, and for a bill of 1870, (due, but not before presented), the sum of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight dollars and sixty-one cents, (\$1,888.61).

They have credits for the use of horses and carts to the amount of seventy-four dollars and forty-eight cents, (\$74.48), against the appropriation of sixteen hundred and seventy-three dollars and fifty-six cents, (\$1,673.56); showing an amount in excess of appropriation, of one hundred and forty dollars and fifty-seven cents, (\$140.57) for which vouchers have been furnished.

Your committee would respectfully recommend for the coming year, a grant of not less than two thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted;

(Signed)

JOSEPH BURNETT,	} <i>Highway</i>
CURTIS NEWTON,	
W. H. BUCK,	

} *Surveyors.*

# STATEMENT IN DETAIL OF MONEY SPENT FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid W. Parmenter, for 169 days labor,	\$502 95
M. Maley, " 117½ " "	234 50
M. Lavell, " 114½ " "	229 00
T. Bagley, " 125 " "	250 00
W. Parmenter, keeping horse,	67 70
Geo. W. Goodnow, for labor, self, men and team,	53 70
" " " " gravel,	17 50
M. Mitchell, " labor,	15 25
J. H. Winchester, repairing harness etc.,	9 05
F. W. Walker, & Co., shoeing horse and other work,	30 85
F. G. Batchelder for 3½ days labor,	7 00
Charles Brown, for labor,	22 15
B. F. Pierce, for labor,	21 77
J. A. J. Fay,	6 60
L. W. Newton, grain etc.,	72 01
S. F. Onthank, for labor,	13 65
E. Newton, do., do.,	1 80
N. Newton, for labor, self, men and teams,	110 15
J. I. Marshall, for labor,	7 00
A. F. Johnson, " " "	6 20
C. Jennison, " " "	19 00
George Brewer, " " "	13 00
J. Gorman, " " "	18 00
S. Nichols, " " "	8 00
D. B. Johnson, " " "	13 00
T. R. Capen, " " "	6 00
A. Howe, " " "	12 50
C. H. Walker, " " "	3 50
Daniel Newton, " " "	9 50
Killigariff, " " "	20 60
J. Powers, " " "	10 00
F. Young, " " "	2 00
Wm. Collins, " " "	16 35
P. Walker, " " "	7 45

F. A. Winchester, for labor,	.	.	.	5	40
P. McMahan,	"	"	.	4	50
"	"	"	.	14	00
W. M. Fay,	"	"	.	1	20
E. Morse,	"	"	.		50
M. Whittemore,	"	"	.		45
F. Este,	"	"	.		65
D. Brewer,	"	"	.	14	40
S. N. Thompson,	"	"	.	1	30
E. Claflin,	"	"	.		25
S. Fay,	"	"	.	1	50
B. H. Fay,	"	"	.	3	25
C. W. Walker,	"	"	.	19	26
H. H. Newton,	"	"	.		30
J. A. Page,	"	"	.	1	50
H. F. Webster, for blacksmithing,	.	.	.	5	85
N. Gilmore, for labor,	.	.	.	3	60
E. Burnett,	"	"	.	3	30
W. Jennison,	"	"	.	20	50
P. Toomey,	"	"	.	1	00
W. Muchemore,	"	"	.	3	00
F. A. Dorr,	"	"	.	4	30
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					\$1,947 66

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By cash received for labor of men, horses, and for use of carts, etc.,	.	.	.	.	133 53
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					\$1,814 13
Amount appropriated,	.	.	.	.	1,673 56
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Amount expended beyond appropriation,	.	.	.	.	\$ 140 57

## BUILDING NEW ROADS AND REPAIRING BRIDGES.

Paid Charles M. Fay, for building road by his house,	\$90 00
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Curtis Hyde, for labor, self and men, on "Willow Bridge," and for lumber used on said bridge, . . . . .	120 69
N. Gilmore, for labor self, man and team, and for cash paid for labor building road at Southville, . . . . .	271 30
Hugh Heenan, for labor and cash paid for labor on Willow Bridge, . . . . .	129 50
Harvey Newton, for cash paid for labor on bridge in Southville, . . . . .	31 50
N. Gilmore, for labor on bridge in Southville, . . . . .	4 00
H. P. Pierce, R. Goddard and G. W. Goodnow, for cash paid for labor building road near house of H. P. Pierce, . . . . .	195 78
W. Parmenter, for repairing Tunecog bridge, . . . . .	4 74
C. B. Sawin, for plank for " " . . . . .	9 57
P. Walker, for labor on " " . . . . .	4 00
timber for " " . . . . .	4 80
Warren Parmenter, for labor on W. bridge, . . . . .	10 50
for labor on culvert by house of M. Emery, . . . . .	10 50
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	\$886 88

HORSES, CARTS, HARNESSSES, &C., PURCHASED BY HIGHWAY  
SURVEYORS FOR USE OF TOWN.

Paid Mrs. Harriet Parker, for horse-cart and horse-cart harness, . . . . .	\$80 00
St. Mark's School, for horse, . . . . .	60 00
J. B. Sawin, for horse, . . . . .	45 00
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	\$185 00

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By one horse sold, . . . . .	20 00
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	\$165 00

## TOWN REPORTS.

Paid W. P. Willson, for making Town Reports, . . .	\$15 00
Wright & Potter, for printing same, . . .	134 82
W. P. Willson, cash paid for stationery, post- age and express, . . . . .	4 20
Franklin Este, for reading proof-sheets and distributing Town Reports, . . . . .	1 50
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	\$155 52

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1872 :

The number of paupers now fully supported by the town is three, viz. :

Emerson Woodbury,  
Solomon B. Newton,  
Emery Goulding.

Died during the year, one, viz. :—James Mallard.

We have provided food and lodging for 138 poor travellers, the past year.

## EXPENSE OF PAUPERS FULLY SUPPORTED.

Paid Daniel Newton, for boarding S. B. Newton, . .	\$130 36
“ “ “ “ Emerson Woodbury, . . . . .	130 36
“ “ “ “ Emery Goulding, . . . . .	14 30
Amount paid for clothing, boots and shoes, . . . . .	23 04
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	\$298 06

## EXPENSE OF PAUPERS PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Paid for board and care of James Mallard, . . . . .	\$158 00
“ “ of Mrs. Charles S. Parker and family, . . . . .	30 00
“ wood for Mrs. John F. Newton, . . . . .	9 00
city of Charlestown, for Mrs. J. Hobbs, . . . . .	33 50
for Mrs. Paul Lake and family, . . . . .	13 03
“ keeping vagrants, . . . . .	103 50

## OTHER EXPENSES.

Paid for window, . . . . .	1 43
Daniel Newton, for services at Auction, . . . . .	1 50
Curtis & Dexter Newton, for selling personal property, . . . . .	11 70
Bacon & Aldrich, for legal advice, in case of Charles S. Parker, . . . . .	5 00
for expenses to Worcester, twice, in case of C. S. Parker, . . . . .	4 00
services posting auction notices, . . . . .	2 00
express on letter, . . . . .	25
expenses to Marlboro', in case of James Mal- lard, . . . . .	1 00
expenses to Northboro', in case of C. S. Parker, . . . . .	2 00
funeral expenses of James Mallard, . . . . .	30 00
postage and stationery, . . . . .	25
George C. Harlow, services as overseer of poor, . . . . .	15 00
Hosea P. Pierce, “ “ “ . . . . .	10 00
B. F. Pierce, “ “ “ . . . . .	10 00
Total expense, . . . . .	<hr/> \$739 22

## INCOME PAID TO TOWN TREASURER.

Amount received from auction sale of per- sonal property, . . . . .	\$213 64
“ “ from sale of grindstone, . . . . .	4 00
“ “ sale of paper bags, . . . . .	1 00
	<hr/> \$218 64

Inventory of town's personal property at	
house of Daniel Newton,	\$111 25
Inventory of personal property belonging	
to Emery Goulding,	71 25

(Signed)                      GEORGE C. HARLOW, { *Overseers*  
                                   H. P. PIERCE,                      { *of*  
                                   B. F. PIERCE,                      { *the Poor.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the account of the Overseers of the Poor, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANA FLAGG,  
 DEXTER NEWTON, { *Auditors.*  
 W. H. BUCK,

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EXPENSE OF TOWN CLERK, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

Paid F. Este, for collecting taxes,	\$180 00
“ “ “ services as treasurer,	50 00
“ “ “ express and postage,	3 00
“ “ “ travelling expenses,	16 00
“ “ “ cash paid E. Hixon, for recording deaths,	1 90
“ “ “ cash paid for recording deeds,	1 27
“ “ “ recording marriages, births, and deaths,	24 10
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	\$276 27

## STATEMENT OF ASSESSORS FOR THE YEAR 1871

Town grant for ordinary purposes, . . . . .	\$12,000 00
repairs of Highways, . . . . .	1,800 00
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	\$13,800 00
State tax, . . . . .	2,575 00
County tax, . . . . .	1,393 46
Overlayings on taxes, . . . . .	469 87
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Total amount of tax raised, . . . . .	\$18,238 33

## VALUATION.

Personal property taxed, . . . . .	\$357,753 00
Real estate " . . . . .	1,014,065 00
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Total amount taxed, . . . . .	\$1,371,818 00
Amount exempt by law, . . . . .	7,590 00
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Total valuation, . . . . .	\$1,379,408 00

Loss on valuation since last year, \$10,280 00

By a law made 1871, Bank shares are taxed in towns where the Banks are located, which excludes such property from our Valuation List.

Polls pay each . . . . .	\$2 40
One thousand dollars pays . . . . .	12 40
No. of polls taxed, . . . . .	513
Not taxed, . . . . .	12
No. of dwelling houses, . . . . .	365½
No. of horses, . . . . .	279
No. of cows, . . . . .	831
No. of sheep, . . . . .	1
No. of acres of land taxed, . . . . .	9,472½

DEXTER NEWTON, } Assessors  
 NELSON GILMORE, } of  
 HENRY S. WHEELER, } Southborough.

## EXPENSES OF ASSESSORS.

Paid Dexter Newton, for 58 days services, . . .	\$174 00
“ “ use of horse, 18 days, . . .	18 00
“ “ stationery, postage and ex- press, . . .	4 13
“ “ 4 tickets to Boston to see Tax Commissioner, . . .	3 40
H. S. Wheeler, for 53½ days services, . . .	160 50
“ “ use of horse, 6 days, . . .	6 00
N. Gilmore, for 44 days services, . . .	132 00
“ “ use of horse, 7½ days, . . .	7 50
Sanford & Co., for stationery, . . .	8 50
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$514 03

## EXPENSES OF SELECTMEN.

Paid Dexter Newton, for ordinary services, . . .	\$52 00
“ “ grading road near P. Walk- er's bridge, &c., . . .	10 00
“ “ time buying gravel at va- rious places, examining bridges, &c., . . .	5 00
“ “ surveying land had of F. A. Winchester, . . .	1 25
“ “ perambulating Town line between N. & S. . . .	2 00
“ “ grading new road in South- ville and writing contract, . . .	5 50
“ “ time and expense to return dog warrant to Worces- ter, . . . . .	4 00

"	"	time and expense to return State Aid Report to Bos- ton, . . . . .	4 70
"	"	for postage and stationery, . . . . .	1 00
W. H. Buck,		for ordinary services, . . . . .	52 00
"	"	helping grade road near Peter Walker's bridge, &c., . . . . .	10 00
"	"	time buying gravel at various places & examining bridges, 1½ days' time at W. Bridge, . . . . .	5 00
"	"	for perambulating Town line between Northborough and Southborough, . . . . .	2 00
"	"	for stationery, . . . . .	1 97
Harvey Newton,		for ordinary services, . . . . .	25 00
			<hr/> \$181 42

## EXPENSES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Dexter Newton,	for services, . . . . .	\$60 00
R. Goddard,	" . . . . .	60 00
D. W. Mitchell,	" . . . . .	40 00
Dexter Newton,	for 2 journeys to Marlboro' to get men and lumber for repairing P. H. school- house, . . . . .	3 00
"	" time and expense to Boston and Lowell to hire teach- er, . . . . .	6 00
"	" for 2 days time, at H. S. house, concerning repairs and disposing of lumber not used, . . . . .	4 00

Paid Dexter Newton, for cash paid for 2 tickets to Marlboro' to hire teacher,	80
" " postage, telegraphing and stationery,	4 77
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	\$178 57

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#### EXPENSES OF CONSTABLES AND POLICE OFFICERS.

Paid Samuel E. Parker, for services 1870-1,	\$24 00
" " " 1871-2,	30 00
F. A. Dorr, for notifying for Town Meetings, &c.,	12 95
" " extra services,	10 00
Lorenzo Walker, for notifying for Town Meetings, &c.,	15 20
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	\$92 15

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#### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid F. Este, for sealing weights and measures,	\$20 00
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#### EXPENSES OF FAY LIBRARY.

Paid Heman Este, for services as librarian,	\$60 00
Dennis Collins, for cutting wood,	75
L. W. Newton, for coal, etc.,	7 15
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	\$67 90

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF FAY LIBRARY.

Joseph Burnett in acct. with Fay Library as Treasurer:

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To ballance in Treasury, March 1871,	\$1,813 34
cash received from F. Este, town treasurer on note of \$500,	30 00
cash received of said town treasurer, on note of \$1000,	70 00
cash received from Heman Este, librarian,	20 56
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	\$1,933 84

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By cash paid Lee & Shepard for books,	104 18
“ “ “ “ “	233 13
Balance including notes,	1,596 53
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	\$1,933 84

JOSEPH BURNETT, *Treasurer.*

SOUTHBOROUGH March 4, 1872.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF FAY LIBRARY.

*To the Inhabitants of Southborough,—*

The Trustees of the Fay Library would submit the following report:

The Librarian reports that in March 1871, there were 2,641 volumes in the library. During the past year there have been added 361 volumes,—50 volumes of which were gifts from the Secretary of the Interior, the Town Clerk and others,—making the number of volumes now in the library, 3002. The number of books delivered from the library the past year was, 5,768 being

about 700 volumes more than has ever been delivered in any one year since the library was opened. It being an average of 115 2-25 volumes per week. The largest number delivered in any one week was, 183 volumes; the smallest number, 66 volumes. The largest number delivered to one family, was 176 volumes. The books have all been returned but one, which has been paid for.

The good condition of the library is due very much to the care and indefatigable efforts of the Librarian. Our library — in the establishment and growth of which we have reason to congratulate ourselves — used freely and with proper discrimination, will ever be the fruitful source of mental and moral improvement, for which it was designed by its revered founder.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN COLBY,

for FRANKLIN N. PARKER. *Secretary.*

AMOUNT EXPENDED BY CEMETERY COMMITTEE,  
FOR ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN NEW CEMETERY.

Paid E. Hixon,	\$10 50
E. Sweeney, for 55½ days labor,	110 50
J. Sullivan, for horse 49 days,	73 50
D. Collins, for 2 days labor,	4 00
W. Muchemore, for 4½ days labor,	9 00
W. Parmenter, for 1 days labor,	2 10
Curtis Hyde, " " " "	3 50
George Este,	50
P. Bagley, for 2 days labor,	4 00
F. A. Walker, & Co., for blacksmithing,	6 83
F. A. Winchester,	1 50
for cement,	50

Paid F. Este, . . . . .		3 51
C. B. Sawin, for lumber, . . . . .		26 85
L. W. Newton, for goods, . . . . .		1 16
W. A. Walker, for pump, . . . . .		15 50
J. Manning, for lumber, . . . . .		4 25
George H. Brigham, for labor, . . . . .		4 95
D. Collins, for labor, . . . . .		3 75
S. Nason, for pipe etc., . . . . .		16 70
Hugh Heenan, for labor, . . . . .		200 00
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		\$502 74
Cr. by cash received of J. Works,	\$9 00	
" " " " S. Clark,	4 50	
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Amount for which orders were drawn,		<hr/>
		489 24
Cr. by wood furnished Fay Library,	1 00	
" " " " Town House Com.,	43 00	
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		\$445 24

JOSEPH BURNETT, } Cemetery  
 FRANKLIN ESTE, } Committee.  
 W. H. BUCK, }

EXPENSE OF DECORATING GRAVES OF SOLDIERS  
 AND SAILORS.

Paid W. W. Wood, for printing notices, . . . . .	\$3 00
C. Hyde, for time, . . . . .	4 50
E. S. Nason and others, for services, . . . . .	10 00
E. Burnett, for use of wagon, . . . . .	2 00
Southville Brass Band, . . . . .	20 00

Paid Jones & Brewer, as per bill, . . . . .	18 55
J. A. Trowbridge, " " . . . . .	13 50
L. W. Newton, " " . . . . .	26 73
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	\$98 28
Received for provisions sold, . . . . .	2 10
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Total Expense, . . . . .	\$96 18

EXPENSE OF PRINTING VALUATION LIST MADE BY  
ASSESSORS IN 1871.

Paid George Otis, for same, . . . . .	\$67 50
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid F. A. Winchester, for 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres land for gravel pit, . . . . .	\$250 00
William O'Brien, 2d, for gravel, . . . . .	18 00
George Chandler & Co., for repairing lightning rod, . . . . .	2 50
W. W. Wood, for printing notices for selectmen, . . . . .	3 00
Curtis Hyde, for trough, . . . . .	12 45
J. P. Fay, for mowing grass in cemeteries, . . . . .	9 50
B. H. Fay, for maintaining public and watering place, . . . . .	5 00
W. A. Walker, for pump at Town House, . . . . .	16 50
W. B. Gale, attorney, for services at hearing before county commissioners, . . . . .	15 00
Dexter Brewer, for cleaning common, . . . . .	3 00
Curtis Newton, witness at hearing before county commissioners, . . . . .	1 75

Paid F. Este, for cash paid for printing state aid papers, . . . . .	4 00
F. W. Walker & Co., for repairing hearse, . . . . .	3 65
E. A. Buck, for 7 hours' work shovelling snow in 1870, . . . . .	1 40
George L. Works, for ringing bell, . . . . .	5 40
William Smith, for gravel, . . . . .	5 00
F. W. Walker & Co., for shoeing town's horse, . . . . .	1 00
W. Parmenter, for services with road committees, . . . . .	3 00
C. S. Williams & Son, for meal for town's horse, . . . . .	3 18
W. Parmenter, for hay for town's horse, 7 weeks, . . . . .	8 75
E. F. Wadsworth, for expenses from Maine, . . . . .	14 50
F. A. Dorr, for notifying keepers of unlicensed dogs, . . . . .	8 00
Curtis Hyde, for cash paid for 12 argand burners, . . . . .	12 00
"    "    "    "    rubber pipe, . . . . .	2 00
"    "    "    "    2 bbls. gasoline, . . . . .	29 33
William Muchemore, for cutting wood, . . . . .	1 00
Curtis Hyde, for 248 hours' work, taking care Town House, . . . . .	74 40
L. W. Newton, for dipper, &c., for Town House . . . . .	25
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	\$513 56

# STATE AID PAID TO DISABLED SOLDIERS AND OTHERS, AS FOLLOWS:

NAMES.	March, 1871.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Jan. 1872.	February.	Total.	No. months.
Edward McKnight..	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$72 00	12
Ann B. Bellows....	8	8	8	6 67	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	62 67	12
George Brown.....	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	72 00	12
Corn. Riley.....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	48 00	12
A. H. Doyle.....	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	10	10	80 00	12
Lor'zo Walker, G'n.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	96 00	12
Elijah C. Perkins...	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	44 00	11
Maria Burns.....	8												8 00	1
John O. Keiley, G'n.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	88 00	11
Sarah E. Edwards...	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8			80 00	10
Anna Leonard.....	6	6	6	6	6								36 00	5
	\$60	64	64	62 67	60	54	54	54	54	54	50	50	\$880 67	

## STATEMENT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The specific appropriations made by the town, the past year, were as follows, viz.:

For schools,	\$4,500 00
“ repairs of highways,	1,673 56
“ decorating graves of soldiers and sailors,	100 00
“ alterations and improvements in new cemetery,	500 00
Also appropriated for schools, the amount received from dog fun,	194 81

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Reported in detail on other pages:

Paid for support of schools,	\$5,164 82
repairs and improvements of school-houses,	632 26
other incidental school expenses,	181 62

Paid for building new roads and repairing bridges,	886 88
support of poor, . . . . .	704 22
services of overseer of poor, . . . . .	35 00
services and expenses of town clerk, treasurer, and collector, . . . . .	276 27
services of scaler of weights and measures, . . . . .	20 00
and expenses of selectmen, . . . . .	181 42
of police officers and constables, . . . . .	68 15
of police officer for 1870-1, . . . . .	24 00
and expenses of assessors, . . . . .	514 03
expenses of Fay Library, . . . . .	67 90
services and expenses of school committee, . . . . .	178 57
alterations and improvements in new cemetery, . . . . .	489 24
state aid, . . . . .	680 67
town reports, . . . . .	155 52
valuation reports, . . . . .	67 50
horses, cart and harness for use of town, . . . . .	165 00
expenses of decorating graves of soldiers and sailors, . . . . .	96 18
miscellaneous purposes, . . . . .	513 56
repairs of town way and highways, . . . . .	1,673 56
Amount of orders drawn, . . . . .	\$12,776 37

The Selectmen of the town of Southborough, hereby propose and recommend the following named persons, as being well qualified to serve as jurors :

Franklin Este,  
 Lewis Brewer,  
 Moses A. Emery,  
 A. F. Johnson,  
 Henry H. Newton,  
 F. A. Dorr,  
 Curtis Woods,  
 Forrest E. Day,  
 Charles J. Hooper,  
 Nathan L. Johnson,

F. A. Winchester,  
 Curtis Hyde,  
 H. F. Webster,  
 E. H. Chamberlain,  
 E. Burnett,  
 Francis W. Hayden,  
 D. H. Thompson,  
 Hubbard Willson,  
 A. E. Bacon,  
 A. J. Newton,

<del>Paid</del> Nelson Gilmore,	Charles B. Sawin,
Francis D. Newton,	George C. Harlow,
William Collins,	Charles H. Miller,
George H. Brigham,	Sullivan F. Pike,
Leander W. Newton,	Charles N. Brewer,
John W. Wood,	Henry C. Williams,
John A. Page,	D. W. C. McMaster,
	Francis Wright.

### TOWN'S PROPERTY.

The following is a list of property belonging to the town, together with the estimated value thereof:

Town House property,	\$30,000
Peters High school-house and land,	4,000
Grammar school-house and land,	3,000
School-house and land in Ward 1,	1,500
"          "          " 2,	800
"          "          " 3,	1,500
"          "          " 4,	1,500
"          "          " 5,	1,200
"          "          " 6,	1,250
"          "          " 7,	1,800
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land for gravel pit,	250
Lots in new cemetery,	300
Personal property for use of paupers,	111
Liquors in possession of L. W. Newton, former town agent,	72
Hearse,	400
Town safe,	150
Fay Library, 3002 vols.	2,500
Cash in hands of Trustees of Fay Library,	1,596
Law Library,	300
1 horse, 2 carts, 2 harnesses, &c.,	165
Uncollected taxes,	565

Amount due from State, . . . . .	790
Cash in Town Treasury, . . . . .	2,296
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	\$56,045
Amount of Town Debt and Int. to March 4, 1872, .	41,130
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Excess of Assets over indebtedness, . . . . .	\$14,915

Last fall the Selectmen and Highway Surveyors requested the Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg R. R. Company to build a board fence on each side of the road near the "Peter Walker Bridge," and to make the grade of the road near said bridge more easy for travel. We are pleased to state that said request received a prompt and favorable response. The Selectmen and Highway Surveyors, at the solicitations of said Company, have caused the road at that place to be properly fixed, and a good board fence made on each side thereof. The cost, amounting to nearly \$900, was paid by said Company. We recommend that the town cause said fence, and the fence at the Willow Bridge, to be painted.

The Selectmen, in behalf of the inhabitants of Southborough, hereby tender our thanks to Dr. Joseph Burnett for his great generosity in donating to the town some elegant stone gate posts for the new cemetery.

DEXTER NEWTON, } *Selectmen*  
 WM. H. BUCK, } *of*  
 HARVEY NEWTON, } *Southborough.*

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#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE HAVING CHARGE OF TOWN HOUSE.

Said Committee submit the following report. During the past year the Hall has been opened thirty-nine times to the public.

The building has also been opened fifty or more times for town officers. The expenses for the past year amount to one hundred forty-seven dollars and seventy-three cents. The income amounts to one hundred forty-nine dollars. No account has been made of expenses incurred for lighting and heating the building for town purposes, or for lighting the Library Room.

Paid Curtis Hyde, for 248 hours' time taking care of	
Town House,	\$74 40
"    "    cash paid for 2 bbls. gasoline,	29 33
William Muchmore, for cutting wood,	1 00
Value of wood furnished by cemetery committee,	43 00
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	\$147 73

#### PRICE LIST FOR USE OF HALLS, ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE.

##### *Upper Hall.*

For lectures,	\$5 00
concerts,	10 00
outside exhibitions,	15 00
balls from 8 o'clock, P. M., until 1 o'clock, A. M.,	15 00
afternoon shows (summer),	10 00
"    "    (winter),	15 00
Cotillion parties (not using lower hall and kitchen), per hour,	3 00

##### *Lower Hall.*

For Farmers' Club, lighted and heated,	\$2 00
Dancing school, "    "    "	2 50
"    "    (summer),	1 50
Cotillion parties and festivals, evenings, per hour,	2 00
Singing school (evenings), lighted and heated,	
per hour,	1 25

For Lectures, lighted and heated, . . . . .	3 00
Evening exhibitions, lighted and heated, . . . . .	5 00
Farmers' Club, annual exhibition, whole building free.	

H. F. WEBSTER, }  
 CURTIS HYDE, } *Committee.*  
 I. G. HOWE, }

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 4, 1872.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

From January 1, 1871, to January 1, 1872.

<i>Births Registered</i> —Males, . . . . .	29
Females, . . . . .	14
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Total, . . . . .	43
 <i>Marriages Registered,</i> . . . . .	 28
 <i>Deaths Registered</i> —Males, . . . . .	 19
Females, . . . . .	17
	—
Total, . . . . .	36

*Deaths.*

Date of Death.	NAMES.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Jan. 14,	Harry M. Bushnell, . . . . .	16	4	5
" 19,	Susan Rice, . . . . .	77	9	
Feb. 7,	Moses Sawin, . . . . .	76	3	18
" 17,	Capt. Isaac Smith, . . . . .	80	1	2
" 17,	Harriet F. Fay, . . . . .	56	11	2
Mar. 12,	Jonathan F. Horn, . . . . .	49	2	
April 1,	Edward A. Parker, . . . . .	18		19
" 17,	Maria Barnes, . . . . .	48	8	
May 6,	Peter White, . . . . .	36	7	
" 22,	Harriet B. Williams, . . . . .	66	1	11
June 9,	Lincoln Newton, . . . . .	76	4	7
" 11,	Ellen F. Clark, . . . . .	36	5	
" 22,	Charles Bird, . . . . .	11		
" 22,	John W. Buck, . . . . .	58	3	13
" 23,	Harriet L. Bird, . . . . .	36		
July 2,	Lincoln Williams, . . . . .	77		29
" 7,	Charles P. Bickford, . . . . .		3	21
Aug. 2,	Margaret Dunn, . . . . .	16		21
" 10,	Sarah E. Hunt, . . . . .	22	10	17
" 17,	Frederick A. Eames, . . . . .		7	11
" 22,	Napoleon E. Blanchard, . . . . .		3	5
" 25,	Mary Newton, . . . . .	83	3	22
Sept. 12,	Mary V. Bird, . . . . .	1	1	1
" 20,	John Leary, . . . . .		1	7
" 27,	William A. Hunt, . . . . .		5	22
Oct. 19,	Laura Ella Dorr, . . . . .	18	9	6
" 23,	Alfred Rico, . . . . .	17		
" 28,	Polly Hooper, . . . . .	55	9	28
" 28,	Abraham Top, . . . . .	1	1	
Nov. 8,	William Bacon, . . . . .	76	11	20
" 15,	Joanna Morierty, . . . . .	76		
Dec. 3,	Abigail Walker, . . . . .	64	7	24
" 12,	Lowell Temple, . . . . .	79	3	9
" 14,	Daisey Barney, . . . . .	2	11	14
" 18,	Eunice Andrews, . . . . .	85	5	
" 29,	Lucy O'Brien, . . . . .	2	6	25

F. ESTE, *Town Clerk.*

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF SOUTHBOROUGH,  
*For the School Year 1871-72.*

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## REPORT.

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By a law of the Commonwealth the school committee are required "annually to make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to schools as the committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

The education of our youth and the prosperity of our schools deeply concerns every man and woman in our midst. A large sum of money is yearly appropriated by the generous citizens of the town for educational purposes, and the disposition thereof is entrusted to the wisdom, discretion, and fidelity of the school committee. For these, and various other reasons, aside from the requirements of law, it should be none other than a pleasant duty for the committee to advise the people in all matters concerning the schools and the manner in which the money is spent.

Your committee are pleased to say that most of our schools are in excellent condition and the scholars throughout the town have made good proficiency in their studies. There has been an unusual number of changes of teachers the past year which has caused a little detriment to the welfare of some of the

schools. It is very important, as far as possible, to retain our best teachers, year after year. More is lost by frequent changes than many imagine. It takes time for every teacher to become acquainted with the peculiarities and talents of their scholars, so that, by applying to each the most proper restraints and encouragements, they can best promote the welfare of the school. The duties of teachers are irksome and perplexing. This alone should evince the necessity of conferring upon them the united and cordial assistance of both parents and committee in order to secure good discipline in the schools, and make them successful.

Each teacher has his or her own peculiar manner of disciplining a school, and parents should not be too ready to dictate or find fault in regard to the same, unless the teacher is quite unreasonable or cruel. All parents want good order in school. To make sure of it, teachers must be allowed to make proper rules, and apply proper penalties for the violation thereof. All good teachers, however, will depend mostly on the power of kindness and good-will for their success in managing schools. Should a teacher adopt unjust rules or punish improperly, go to the committee, who ought at all proper times to hear complaints and requests. They will, undoubtedly, make due inquiries concerning the matter and do what is right. And if the teacher, by any act of cruelty, should prove unworthy the high position he or she occupies, the place, will, without doubt, be filled by some one more humane and kind.

It is a noticeable fact that reading, spelling, writing, and mental arithmetic have, in many Ward schools, been too much neglected in past years. It has been our pleasure to urge the teachers to give *increased attention* to these branches; and they have our thanks for the good result of their labors in this regard.

Scholars are sometimes desirous to pass too rapidly and imperfectly over their studies, and teachers oftentimes erroneously think that their fame depends more upon the rapid advance of scholars through the books than upon the number of ideas and

principles instilled into the minds of the scholars. Scholars should have studies and lessons suited to their age and capacity. Young minds should not be overtaken by tedious studies. *Practical education* and not the mere conglomeration of words and phrases is what scholars most need, and our teachers should govern themselves accordingly.

Our High School has been a subject about which much has been said for the past few years. Some think the school too expensive and even unnecessary. They say the Ward schools furnish better means for obtaining an education than most of the citizens of the town have enjoyed. The latter is undoubtedly true in many respects. For instance, great improvements have been made in some of the text-books. Teachers are better qualified to instruct than formerly and schools have a greater length. While we admit all this, it must be borne in mind that in these days of progress more learning is required for doing business; and our children will stand in the back-ground, unless they receive an education exceeding that which was usually obtained in former times.

The facilities for manufacturing goods, for saving labor in agricultural and other vocations, are greater than they were twenty years ago. Farmers are not willing, neither can they afford, to use the old style of farming implements, but hasten to avail themselves of the benefit of all the inventive power in the land which can help them accomplish their tedious work. Scholars also need the benefit of the improved methods of obtaining instruction. We believe the High School, if properly managed, is certainly a very great improvement, in many respects, over former town schools. Teachers are scarce, too, who are qualified to instruct satisfactorily in the more advanced studies required at the present day. There are scholars in most every Ward who are qualified and wishing to advance farther in their studies than teachers of Ward schools, with the ordinary remuneration, can be expected to teach. The maintenance of a good High School in a town betokens a decided proneness of the people for the more *thorough* education of the youth.

Aside from this, too, it enhances the value of the real estate. Take away any, ~~even~~ one, of our Ward schools and the value of the farms in its vicinity would be lessened. Take away our High School and our Grammar School, and every moiety of real estate in Southborough will sell at a discount. Your committee have been somewhat perplexed in regard to admitting new scholars into the High School. It is evidently desirable, for the good of the school, to keep the standard of qualifications for admission *high*. But we have to take into consideration also the fact that there are in town many large boys and girls whose opportunities for obtaining an education have been limited, and who feel unwilling longer to go to the Ward schools, which are oftentimes composed of very small scholars. We perhaps have been too anxious to confer favors on such and have admitted some whose education was too meagre.

Having made these few general remarks we will proceed to make a few brief comments on the various schools and teachers.

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## WARD I.

Miss P. W. Tracy, of Nantucket, who so successfully taught this school last year, continued to teach it during the Spring and Fall terms. She is a teacher of very superior qualifications. She commands the love, respect, and willing obedience of her scholars, by her kind and persuasive words and manner. She devoted her entire energies to the good of the school, which made good progress under her instruction. At the time for commencing the Winter term, she informed the committee that she had engaged to teach another school, which would yield her better pecuniary results. This late notice compelled us to make a hasty selection of a teacher to fill the position made vacant by her resignation. The young lady employed to keep the Winter term was disposed to perform her work faithfully and in

many respects was successful ; but she had not the ability to well discipline so large a school. Perseverance and more experience may, however, enable her to become a successful teacher.

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## WARD II.

This school has been kept throughout the year by Miss Mary S. Whippey, of Nantucket. She possesses all the qualifications of a first class teacher. She maintains excellent order, is kind yet dignified, ~~yet~~ firm and decided. She does her work very systematically. Her explanations are very complete and excellent. This school is in a very prosperous condition. It was, however, saved from catastrophe at the commencement of the Winter term, only, by largely increasing the wages of the teacher.

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## WARD III.

Miss Sarah E. Lovell, of Nantucket, continued her labors in this school until the middle of the Fall term. She kept this school for a long time with great success. This teacher, like the others from Nantucket, has a very excellent education, and, like those teachers, has taught many things of great use and utility not found in the text-books used in the Ward schools. She is energetic, faithful, dignified. After keeping the Fall term a few weeks, she was tendered a position in one of the Boston schools, and having consented to teach here at the commencement of the Spring term, on condition that she might resign if she received the above offer, she very honorably severed her connection with this school. The Fall term was con-

tinned by a young lady from Charlton, who was not so successful in her manner of conducting the school. The Winter term was very successfully taught by Miss A. R. Brigham, of Marlborough.

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#### WARD IV.

The school in this Ward has been taught throughout the year by Miss C. A. Hobbs, of Framingham. Seldom can there be found a teacher with such executive ability, combined with so many other qualities necessary for a good teacher. Scholars yield perfect obedience to all her requirements without exertion on her part. Perfect order is maintained and the scholars are pushed forward in their studies as fast as prudence will admit. The number of scholars, who attended the Winter term, was quite small, owing to the prevalence of canker-rash.

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#### WARD V.

Miss C. B. Grow, of Westboro,' continued to teach this school during the Spring term. She taught in this Ward several years with increased success. By her superior energy and perseverance, she continually infuses new life and vivacity into the minds of her scholars. At the expiration of the Spring term she was employed to teach the upper department in Ward 7, which position was made vacant by the resignation of Miss Isota S. Tyler. The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss L. M. Chamberlain, of Southborough. She has had but little experience, and yet she demonstrated the fact by the good success she had in teaching this school, that she has not mistaken her calling.

## WARD VI.

The Spring and Fall term was taught by Miss Carrie S. Glover, of Maine. We hired her on the strength of her recommendations. Her exceedingly youthful appearance, together with the knowledge of her inexperience, caused the committee to have some misgivings in regard to her success. We were, however, happily disappointed, as she proved much better than we had dared to anticipate. By her affable and genial manner she soon gained the love and respect of her scholars. The result of her labors was very satisfactory. The Winter term was kept by Miss G. A. Van Ommen, of Southborough. We are pleased to state that the scholars, under her instruction, made good progress in their studies, good order was maintained, and she seemed to give perfect satisfaction to all concerned.

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## WARD VII—LOWER DEPARTMENT.

Miss A. E. Wiswell, of Westboro', has kept this school throughout the year. She is a teacher of great energy and perseverance. She has a faculty of securing the good will and respect of her scholars, while at the same time, by her dignified manner, she has complete command over her school. Her scholars, though quite small, have made good progress in their studies.

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## WARD VII—UPPER DEPARTMENT.

The Spring term was taught by Miss Isota S. Tyler, of Southborough, who has kept the school several terms. She is a model teacher. Her school was always very quiet and orderly. At the close of the Spring term, the committee, very

reluctantly, accepted of her resignation. She loved her school and was much respected by scholars, parents, and committee, but still she preferred a change. The Autumn and Winter term was taught by Miss C. B. Grow, who had, for so many years, been employed in Ward 5. As we have already spoken so much in her praise we need here only remark, that this school, under her instruction and management, was an honor to the village, the town, and to herself.

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### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mr. George W. Davis, of Maine, continued to teach this school until the middle of the Fall term. He had kept it ever since it was established. He is a very energetic man. His scholars made wonderful progress in their studies, and while he held perfect control over the school he had a peculiar faculty of securing their respect and love. On account of sickness he resigned his situation at the time aforesaid. Mr. Jordan Stacy, 2d, of Maine, soon after took his place so that there was but a slight delay in the school. Mr. Stacy is a superior teacher. His mode of teaching is somewhat conversational, and yet his explanations are so perfect that his scholars cannot help completely understanding the principles of the subjects gone over. The services of this teacher are invaluable.

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### PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Alvah S. Howe has continued as Principal of this school during the past school year. He is a teacher of many years' experience, and has a superior education. His mind has been constantly devoted to the interests of the school.

Although he has not been able to raise this school to the degree of perfection he so much desired, yet, all must admit that the scholars have made great advancement in their studies. During the Spring term he was assisted by Miss F. Lizzie Flagg; during the Fall term by Miss Isabella R. Wood, of Worcester, and during the last part of the Winter term by Miss Isabella Coburn, of Lowell. All these assistants have done their part in an admirable manner, and we believe to the entire satisfaction of all.

We have thus given a brief review of all our public schools, and have endeavored to speak justly and truly of all the teachers.

Before closing this report we should be ungrateful did we not express our thanks to the citizens of Southborough for the very generous appropriation which they have made for schools, the past year.

DEXTER NEWTON, } *School Committee*  
D. W. MITCHELL, } *of Southborough.*

# STATISTICS.

## FIRST TERM.

Wards.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Length of School mos.	Wages of Teachers per mo., including board.
No. 1	Phebe W. Tracy.....	69	45	1		3	\$40
2	Mary S. Whippey.....	19	15-			3	32
3	Sarah E. Lovell.....	36	32-			3	40
4	Carrie A. Hobbs.....	45	35			3	40
5	C. B. Grow.....	17	10-	1		3	28
6	Carrie S. Glover.....	12	11	1		3	28
7 U. D.	Isota S. Tyler.....	43	32 13-120			3	34
7 L. D.	Annie E. Wiswall....	54	44 17-60			3	32

## SECOND TERM.

No. 1	Phebe W. Tracy.....	50	43	1	2	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$40
2	Mary S. Whippey.....	18	15-	1		23 $\frac{3}{4}$	32
3	Sarah E. Lovell ).....	41	32-			11 $\frac{1}{4}$	40
3	Belle R. Morse ).....					11 $\frac{1}{4}$	40
4	Carrie A. Hobbs.....	40	35 1-2			23 $\frac{3}{4}$	40
5	L. M. Chamberlain,..	21	15 83-107	1		23 $\frac{3}{4}$	28
6	Carrie S. Glover.....	20	18		2	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	28
7 U. D.	C. B. Grow.....	36	27 2-3			23 $\frac{3}{4}$	34
7 L. D.	Carrie E. Wiswall....	50	41 91-107			23 $\frac{3}{4}$	32

## THIRD TERM.

No. 1	E. A. Tayler.....	36	28	1	1	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$36
2	Mary S. Whippey....	20	17		1	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	40
3	A. R. Brigham.....	32	28-		1	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	40
4	Carrie R. Hobbs.....	23	18			21 $\frac{1}{2}$	40
5	L. M. Chamberlain...	19	16 41-51		2	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	32
6	G. A. Van Ommen....	18	14		2	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	28
7 U. D.	C. B. Grow.....	29	24 1-2			23 $\frac{3}{4}$	36
7 L. D.	Annie E. Wiswall....	41	33 57-110			23 $\frac{3}{4}$	34

# STATISTICS CONTINUED.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1st Term.	Geo. W. Davis.....	45	35		4	3	\$75
2d "	Geo. W. Davis, } ..	50	36		3	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	75
2d "	Jordan Stacy, 2d, { ..					11 $\frac{1}{2}$	75
3d "	Jordan Stacy.....	39	28		6	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	75

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

1st Term.	Alvah S. Howe.... }	42	38		8	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$120
" "	F. Lizzie Flagg, as't }					31 $\frac{1}{4}$	48
2d "	Alvah S. Howe.... }	39	31		13	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	120
" "	Belle R. Wood, as't }					31 $\frac{1}{4}$	48
3d "	Alvah S. Howe.... }	40	36		13	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	120
" "	Isabella Coburn, as't }					2	48

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

OF THE

### TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 3, 1873.



BOSTON:

PRESS OF ROCKWELL & CHURCHILL.

122 WASHINGTON STREET.

1873.

# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1873.

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TOWN CLERK:  
FRANKLIN ESTE.

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SELECTMEN:  
WILLIAM H. BUCK. F. W. HAYDEN.  
CHARLES J. HOOPER.

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ASSESSORS:  
JAMES WILLIAMS. JONAS FAY.  
SAMUEL TAFT.

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TREASURER AND COLLECTOR:  
FRANKLIN ESTE.

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:  
JOSEPH BURNETT. CURTIS WOODS.  
NAHUM NEWTON.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
R. GODDARD. HUBBARD WILLSON.  
JONAS FAY.

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CONSTABLES:  
F. W. WALKER. T. MURRAY. S. E. PARKER.  
CLARENCE NEWTON.

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FENCE VIEWERS:  
JOSEPH BURNETT. WM. H. BUCK.  
JONAS FAY.

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS:

WM. H. BUCK.

JOSEPH BURNETT.

CURTIS NEWTON.

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TRUSTEES FAY LIBRARY:

FRANCIS B. FAY.

W. B. RICE.

DEXTER NEWTON.

JONAS FAY.

J. H. ROBINSON. HUBBARD WILLSON.

FRANKLIN ESTE.

D. S. WHITNEY. L. W. NEWTON.

W. H. WATSON.

JOS. BURNETT.

1873,

# REPORT.

*STATEMENT of Town Treasurer, showing the indebtedness of the Town, March 3d, 1873.*

## TOWN ASSETS.

Uncollected Taxes . . . . .	\$1,086 14
Cash in Treasury . . . . .	2,212 80
Amount due from State, etc. . . . .	1,070 00
	<u>\$4,368 94</u>

## TOWN DEBT.

Date of Note.	To WHOM PAYABLE.	When payable.	Amount.
Dec. 18, 1860,	Industrial School . . . . .	On demand,	\$5,000 00
May 2, 1861,	" " . . . . .		7,000 00
Nov. 1, 1863,	Fay Library . . . . .	" "	500 00
Sep. 10, 1869,	M. K. Johnson . . . . .	" "	1,200 00
" 30, 1869,	Worcester Mutual Fire Ins. Co. .	" "	10,000 00
July 1, 1870,	W. P. Willson . . . . .	" "	4,000 00
Feb. 1, 1870,	Dolly Bond . . . . .	" "	1,000 00
" 4, 1870,	Mary P. Clifford, . . . . .	" "	750 00
" 21, 1870,	Worcester Mutual Fire Ins. Co. .	" "	7,000 00
Apr. 27, 1870,	Fay Library . . . . .	" "	1,000 00
	Ashbel Howe . . . . .	" "	1,000 00
			<u>\$38,450 00</u>
Interest on said Notes to March 3, 1873 . . . . .			680 00
			<u>\$39,130 00</u>
Deduct assets . . . . .			4,368 94
Balance of indebtedness March 3, 1873 . . . . .			<u>\$34,761 06</u>

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

F. ESTE, *Collector*, in account with the TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, from  
March 1, 1872, to February 27, 1873.

Dr.	
To uncollected taxes for the year 1869 . . . . .	\$6 66
“ “ “ 1870 . . . . .	25 67
“ “ “ 1871 . . . . .	532 69
“ “ “ 1872 . . . . .	19,540 46
interest on said taxes . . . . .	65 99
	<hr/> \$20,171 47

Cr.	
By cash paid Town Treasurer . . . . .	\$17,646 75
“ “ County tax . . . . .	1,301 49
uncollected taxes, 1870 . . . . .	18 49
“ “ 1871 . . . . .	47 23
“ “ 1872 . . . . .	1,020 42
abatement of taxes . . . . .	137 09
	<hr/> \$20,171 47

FRANKLIN ESTE, *Collector*.

SOUTHBOROUGH, February 27, 1873.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Collector's Report, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

JAMES WILLIAMS,  
JONAS FAY,  
GEO. C. HARLOW,  
*Assessors of Southborough.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. F. ESTE, *Town Treasurer, in account with the TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, from March 2, 1872, to March 1, 1873.* Cr.

To cash in treasury, March 2, 1872 . . .	\$2,296 60	By cash paid on Town orders . . .	\$12,031 53
“ received of Collector . . .	17,646 75	“ paid State tax . . .	1,980 00
“ received State School fund . . .	181 94	“ paid interest on Town debt . . .	2,851 29
“ received Corporation tax . . .	166 18	“ paid Town debt . . .	3,000 00
“ received Dog fund . . .	196 02	“ paid on temporary loan . . .	129 20
“ received reimbursement State aid . . .	600 00	“ paid National Bank tax . . .	18 04
“ received lots in Cemetery . . .	32 00	“ in treasury . . .	2,212 80
“ received use of Town Hall . . .	85 80		
“ received State paupers . . .	9 57		
“ received Ashbel Howe . . .	1,000 00		
“ received P. Hefron, for grain . . .	8 00		
	<u>\$22,222 86</u>		<u>\$22,222 86</u>

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF  
SOUTHBOROUGH.

1872.

Dr.

Mar.	To town appropriation	.	.	\$4,500 00	
	“ State Fund	.	.	181 94	
	“ dog	“	.	196 02	
				<hr/>	\$4,877 96

Cr.

## WARD 1.

Paid Carrie A. Hobbs	.	.	.	\$340 00	
for fuel and preparing same	.	.	.	24 90	
for care of fires and room	.	.	.	8 00	
				<hr/>	\$372 50

## WARD 2.

Paid Mary S. Whippley	.	.	.	\$272 00	
for wood and preparing same	.	.	.	24 95	
for care of fires and room	.	.	.	6 00	
				<hr/>	\$302 95

## WARD 3.

Paid A. R. Brigham	.	.	.	\$100 00	
Isota L. Tyler	.	.	.	220 00	
wood and preparing same	.	.	.	41 35	
care of fires and room	.	.	.	4 50	
				<hr/>	\$365 85

## WARD 4.

Paid A. S. Carlton	.	.	.	\$340 00	
for fuel	.	.	.	27 65	
for care of fires and room	.	.	.	4 75	
				<hr/>	\$372 40

## WARD 5.

Paid L. M. Chamberlain . . . .	\$96 00	
Helen Barnard . . . .	176 00	
for wood and preparing same . .	43 35	
care of fires and room . . . .	9 50	
	<hr/>	\$324 85

## WARD 6.

Paid G. Van Ammon . . . .	\$84 00	
Ella L. Brown . . . .	165 00	
for wood and preparing same . .	18 75	
for care of fires and room . . .	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$273 75

## WARD 7.— TWO SCHOOLS.

Paid E. K. Grow . . . .	\$288 00	
C. B. Grow . . . .	210 00	
Abbie Wilson . . . .	110 00	
for fuel and preparing same . .	49 00	
for care of fires and rooms . . .	16 60	
	<hr/>	\$673 60

## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Paid Mrs. B. F. Parsons . . . .	\$180 00	
H. P. Fay . . . .	285 00	
for fuel and preparing same . .	59 30	
for care of fires and room . . .	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$530 30

## P. H. SCHOOL.

Paid B. F. Parsons . . . .	\$1,200 00	
P. J. Boris . . . .	100 00	
for fuel and preparing same . .	106 18	
for care of fires and room . . .	38 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,444 68
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		4,660 88
Balance on hand, . . . .		217 08
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		\$4,877 96

## CONTINGENT SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid L. W. Newton for crayons, and erasers,	\$0	78
E. N. Onthank, repairs on F. S. House .	5	70
for step-ladder, lock, etc., for G. S. House	3	60
C. H. Merrill, sundries . . . . .	1	15
Mrs. Riley ,cleaning school-room, Ward 6	1	17
R. Goddard, for broom, etc. . . . .	0	95
Mrs. McKnight, cleaning school-room .	2	50
A. S. Carlton, cash paid for cleaning .	1	25
Mr. Jaques, repairs on G. S. House .	0	30
for ink, G. School . . . . .	0	42
for key for clock, Ward 4 . . . . .	0	20
Wright Brothers, sundries . . . . .	16	65
Curtis Hyde, repairs on H. S. H. . . .	18	43
G. F. Barney, setting glass “ . . . .	4	90
John Colby, for drawing slates . . . .	3	60
L. W. Newton, sundries . . . . .	25	14
G. F. Barney, bill for painting, etc. .	25	03
A. H. Wendell, “ “ . . . . .	2	71
Curtis Woods, repairs . . . . .	8	82
Wright & Newton, sundries . . . . .	3	12
S. A. Brigham, cleaning . . . . .	0	60
B. Killgariff, cleaning school-room .	1	50
N. E. Barney, “ P. H. school-room .	1	25
H. Bagley, “ school-room, Ward 1	1	50
Mrs. Lahey, “ “ “ 3	1	25
for cleaning “ “ “ 7	1	50
Mrs. Riley, “ “ “ 6	1	10
D. H. Thompson, repairs “ 3	3	40
for ink . . . . . “ 2	0	42
F. W. Walker & Co., repairs, etc. .	0	70
Bradley & Brigham, for stove pipe, etc.	45	18
F. Fairbanks, repairs on G. S. House .	3	75
Bradley & Brigham, for stove as per bill	21	50
A. F. Johnson, for repairs . . . . .	4	00
R. Goddard, time and expense to Bos-		
ton to hire teacher . . . . .	2	50

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 \$216 57

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid D. Collins, ink and care of trees on	
Common . . . . .	\$2 00
E. F. Johnson, attorney in Com. vs. Hunt	
et als., assault on F. A. Dorr . . . .	11 50
Pratt Brothers, printing "\$50 reward"	1 50
B. H. Fay, maintaining public watering	
place . . . . .	5 00
P. Hefron, inking trees on "Winchester	
land" . . . . .	1 00
F. W. Walker, notifying keepers of unli-	
censed dogs . . . . .	7 00
Pratt Brothers, printing voting list and	
warrants . . . . .	19 00
Joseph Burnett, for cash paid for over-	
work on highways in 1871 . . . .	140 57
Dexter Newton, land damage . . . .	106 00
Centre Newton . . . . .	80 00
Curtis Hyde, for cash paid Bradley &	
Brigham, repairing water-pipe on Town	
House . . . . .	2 00
A. J. Prescott, printing 500 circulars .	3 50
F. Este, insurance on Town Hall . . .	235 50
" " " P. H. school-house . . . .	18 75
Oren Nichols, land for gravel pit . . .	65 00
Hugh Riley, " " . . . .	100 00
Mrs. Eliza Este, boarding Mrs. C. S.	
Parker and two children 8 weeks . . .	40 00
F. W. Walker, cash paid printing war-	
rants . . . . .	9 25
" " " express on same . . . .	0 40
Curtis Hyde, 115 hours' care of Town Hall	34 50
" bill for gasoline . . . .	55 95
" " express & carting same . . . .	2 57
" " 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ cords wood . . . .	22 50
J. H. Robinson, medical attendance on	
child at Joshua Nelson's with small-pox	93 00
Amount carried forward . . . .	\$1,056 49

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,056 49
Paid Henry Newton, ringing bell		3 90
G. L. Works,	"	3 40
Road Com., relaying culvert		120 65
Moses Emery, for horse		70 00
Assessors, stationery, express and postage		3 50
J. Williams, journey to Boston		2 00
Selectmen, stationery, postage, etc.		3 00
C. S. Williams, meal and oats		9 38
A. J. Newton, straw		13 35
Road Com., $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. shovels		9 00
"	whippletree and evener	6 50
"	1 pr. double reins	5 50
"	2 trace chains	2 00
"	board of town horse	4 83
"	lumber for horse shed	12 78
"	nails	1 10
"	hinges and screws	0 35
"	Geo. Herrick, erecting shed	3 50
"	Wm. Jennison, carting lumber	1 25
Curtis Hyde, patching roof to Town house		1 00
		<hr/> \$1,333 48

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### TOWN REPORTS.

Paid Dexter Newton, making Town Reports,		
examining proof-sheets, etc.		\$20 70
Geo. Otis, printing same		107 25
		<hr/> \$127 95

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### CEMETERY COMMITTEE, *in account with* THE TOWN OF SOUTH-BOROUGH.

Dr.

To town appropriation		\$200 00
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CR.

By cash paid H. Heenan . . . .	\$26 00	
F. Este . . . .	13 75	
J. Blair . . . .	63 50	
J. Maley . . . .	4 00	
N. Newton . . . .	10 00	
grass seed . . . .	2 75	
H. Newton . . . .	20 65	
Wm. Muchmore . . . .	9 00	
L. W. Newton . . . .	3 25	
Peter Fay . . . .	2 05	
	<hr/>	\$154 95
Balance in treasury . . . .		45 05
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		\$200 00

PETER FAY, *For Cemetery Committee.*

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL DAY, *in account with* THE TOWN OF  
SOUTHBOROUGH.

DR.

To cash received of Town Treasurer . . . .	\$91 39
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CR.

By bill of printing . . . .	\$3 00	
music, Ashland Band . . . .	50 00	
G. A. R., for transportation . . . .	16 00	
milk . . . .	33	
music . . . .	6 80	
meats . . . .	5 97	
twenty-seven crosses . . . .	60	
C. Hyde . . . .	75	
L. W. Newton . . . .	7 94	
	<hr/>	\$91 39

WM. H. BUCK,  
F. W. HAYDEN,  
*Memorial Committee.*

## STATE AID.

NAMES.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Total.
Edward McKnight . . . .	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$72 00
Anna B. Bellows . . . .	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	48 00
George Brown . . . . .	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	72 00
Cora A. Riley . . . . .	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	48 00
Andrew H. Doyle . . . .	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	120 00
L. Walker, G'n . . . . .	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	96 00
Elijah Perkins . . . . .	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	26 00
John O. Kelley, G'n . . .	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	96 00
Henry S. Eaton . . . . .	6	6	6	6	6	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	36 00
Charles H. May . . . . .	.	.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	.	.	48 00
	\$56	\$56	\$62	\$62	\$62	\$62	\$54	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$46	\$46	\$662 00

## FAY LIBRARY.

Paid Heman Este, librarian . . . . .	\$60 00
L. W. Newton, for coal, . . . . .	7 08
Heman Este, draughting supplemental catalogues . . . . .	3 75
Heman Este, express on proof-sheets, postage, etc. . . . .	60
George Otis, printing catalogues, rules, etc.	30 00
E. F. Johnson, binding and repairing twenty-five volumes . . . . .	8 50
Joseph Burnett, for cash paid for copying and framing resolutions . . . . .	16 00

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 \$125 93

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF FAY LIBRARY.

JOSEPH BURNETT, *in account with FAY LIBRARY as Treasurer.*

## Dr.

To balance in treasury, March 4, 1872,	\$1,596 53	
cash received of F. Este, treasurer, on note of \$500, at 6% . . . . .	30 00	
cash received of F. Este, treasurer, on note of \$1,000, at 7% . . . . .	70 00	
cash received of librarian for fines . . . . .	16 65	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,713 18

## Cr.

By cash paid Lee and Shepard . . . . .	\$77 39	
“ E. O. Bowditch . . . . .	5 00	
balance, including notes . . . . .	1,630 79	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,713 18

JOSEPH BURNETT,

*Treasurer.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 3, 1873.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF FAY LIBRARY.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF SOUTHBOROUGH:—

By the report of the Librarian for the year just ended, we find 3,077 volumes as the present number catalogued in the library, showing an increase of seventy-five (75) volumes during the year.

The number of volumes delivered from the library in the year, 5,986, being an increase of 118 volumes over any previous year; largest number in any one week, 160 volumes; largest number to any one family, 155 volumes.

The books belonging to the library are now all upon the shelves, except seven volumes, which are in a house infected with a dangerous contagious disease. These volumes, your trustees recommend, should be destroyed and replaced by new books of the same titles.

Twenty (20) volumes need re-binding, otherwise the trustees are happy to report the condition of the library as in every respect satisfactory.

It falls to the duty of the trustees at this time to report the loss by death of the much-respected and time-honored Librarian, Heman Este, who had been for twenty years, during summer and winter, in sunshine and in storm, at his post, as a faithful sentinel, ever jealous of his trust, and ever mindful of his exact duty.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on the 14th day of February last, a committee was empowered to prepare and report a Preamble and Resolutions, as follows:—

*Whereas*, it has pleased God in His all-wise Providence, to remove from us by death, our Librarian, Heman Este, Esq.

*Resolved*, That in this death the town suffers the loss of an estimable citizen and a faithful officer.

*Resolved*, That we bear our testimony to the valuable service rendered by him as Librarian of the Fay Library during a period of nearly twenty years; to whose faithful labors and careful supervision, the present excellent condition of the library is in a large measure to be attributed.

*Resolved*, That in token of our sense of the loss we sustain, and of our respect for the memory of our departed friend and fellow-citizen, the library-room be draped in mourning for thirty days.

For the committee,

JOHN COLBY, *Chairman*.

Respectfully submitted,

For the trustees,

JOSEPH BURNETT,

*Sec'y pro tem.*

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1873:—

The number of paupers now fully supported by the town is three:—Emerson Woodbury, Emory Goulding, Solomon B. Newton.

## EXPENSES OF PAUPERS FULLY SUPPORTED.

Paid Daniel Newton, for boarding S. B. Newton, Emerson Woodbury and Emory Goulding, four $\frac{1}{4}$ weeks . . . . .	\$31 06
Nahum Newton, for boarding E. Woodbury and E. Goulding forty-eight weeks . . . . .	312 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for board for S. B. Newton . . . . .	142 00
Mrs. Stowell St. Peters and family . . . . .	116 24
Boots, shoes, and clothing . . . . .	23 59

## EXPENSE OF PAUPERS PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Wm. W. Howe, for board and care of John Shenett . . . . .	8 75
F. A. Dorr, for wood and coal . . . . .	18 75
City of Charlestown, for Mrs. J. Hobbs . . . . .	37 25
Jonas Fay, for board and care of Jerusha Fay . . . . .	96 00
Mrs. Peter White and family . . . . .	23 50
Edwin Brackett “ “ . . . . .	12 00
Wood for Mrs. Paul Lake . . . . .	3 50
Keeping eighty-one (81) vagrants . . . . .	60 75

*Amount carried forward,*

\$885 39

*Amount brought forward,*

\$885 39

## OTHER EXPENSES.

Paid Dr. J. H. Robinson, for medical attendance:—

for John Shennett . . . .	\$5 00
for Mrs. Peter White . . . .	5 00
for Mrs. Curry . . . .	17 50
for A. Careran . . . .	16 00
for child of Mrs. E. Parmenter . .	77 00
for funeral expenses of Mrs. Lucas Thompson . . . .	21 00
for expenses to Worcester with S. B. Newton . . . .	3 00
for expenses in case of Mrs. Peter White . . . .	2 00
moving paupers to N. Newton's . .	2 00
for legal advice . . . .	1 00
for tobacco . . . .	1 32
for postage and stationery . . .	75
Geo. C. Harlow, services as Overseer .	20 00
Moses Emery " " "	15 00
B. F. Pierce " " "	10 00

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196 57

Total expense . . . . . \$1,081 96

## INCOME PAID TOWN TREASURER.

Amount received from sale of personal property . . . . .

\$12 87

Amount of town order . . . . .

1,069 09

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\$1,081 96

Due from the town of Dudley, for assistance

rendered Edwin Brackett . . . . \$12 00

Due from the State for State paupers . . . 73 75

Inventory of personal property now on hand

at Nahum Newton's . . . . . 85 50

GEO. C. HARLOW,

BENJ. F. PIERCE,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the account of the Overseers of the Poor, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

R. GODDARD,  
CURTIS HYDE,  
I. G. HOWE,  
*Auditors.*

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### ROAD ACCOUNT.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH.

1872-73.

Dr.

To town grant for repairs highways,	\$2,000 00	
" cash received for timber,	25	
		<u>\$2,000 25</u>

Cr.

By cash paid W. Parmenter, $192\frac{3}{10}$ days at \$3.00 per day,	\$576 90
By cash paid M. Maley, $176\frac{3}{4}$ days at \$2.00 per day,	353 50
By cash paid P. Donohue, $177\frac{1}{10}$ days at \$2.00 per day,	354 20
By cash paid P. Bagley, $161\frac{3}{4}$ days at \$2.00 per day,	323 50
By cash paid P. Toomey, $9\frac{3}{4}$ days at \$2.00 per day,	19 50
By cash paid C. Temple, 2 days at \$2.00 per day,	4 00
By cash paid C. A. Felton, 2 days at \$2.00 per day,	4 00
By cash paid M. Emery, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at \$2.00 per day,	1 00
By cash paid J. Cunnun, $4\frac{1}{10}$ days at \$2.00 per day,	8 18
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,644 78</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,644 78
By cash paid W. Parmenter, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$2.00 per day, . . . . .	6 80
By cash paid L. Robertson, 1 hour, . . . . .	20
By cash paid J. Cunneen, use of horse and cart, etc., . . . . .	37 30
By cash paid M. Whittemore, use of horse and cart, etc., . . . . .	2 25
By cash paid A. F. Pierce, use of horse and cart, etc., . . . . .	11 20
By cash paid H. Newton & Son, labor, . . . . .	4 00
Geo. W. Goodnow, sundry bills, . . . . .	34 08
J. H. Winchester, sundry bills, . . . . .	7 15
E. D. Rockwood, for labor, . . . . .	3 45
John War, for labor, . . . . .	1 60
A. Howe, for labor, . . . . .	12 00
L. Brown, for labor, . . . . .	40
R. Newton, use of plough, . . . . .	25
W. Parmenter, for horse-keeping, . . . . .	31 88
F. Este, sundry bills, . . . . .	4 75
C. S. Williams & Son, meal, etc., . . . . .	78 21
W. B. Rice, grain, etc., . . . . .	1 40
C. B. Sawin, " . . . . .	1 65
A. Ward, for gravel, . . . . .	3 10
P. Walker, " . . . . .	1 05
E. Hyde, " . . . . .	1 40
E. Burnett, " . . . . .	51 84
E. Claflin, for labor, . . . . .	1 00
J. A. J. Fay, " . . . . .	90
E. H. Chamberlain, for labor, . . . . .	4 00
L. A. Newton, " . . . . .	1 40
F. A. Winchester, sundry bills, . . . . .	24 50
L. W. Newton, " . . . . .	10 37
F. W. Walker, " . . . . .	39 03
Newton & Hartt, " . . . . .	10 70
Peter Fay, storing hay, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$2,034 64

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,034 64	
By cash paid W. Parmenter, rake, salt, and		
horse blanket, . . . .	1 78	
C. Williams, sharpening picks,	30	
Mr. Jaques, irons for railings,	1 50	
J. Burnett, for labor, . . .	48 83	
	<hr/>	2,087 05
Deduct for labor of road men on culvert		
near house of Wm. H. Buck, . . .	81 90	
Deduct W. Parmenter, for labor of road men,	4 90	
	<hr/>	86 80
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		\$2,000 25

The Road Commissioners of the Town of Southborough for the year ending March, 1873, hereby present their first Annual Report.

The Commissioners engaged, early in the season, Mr. Warren Parmenter. From his large experience, we deemed him quite an acquisition. We can truly say that we have had no occasion to regret our choice.

To facilitate the work in the spring, it was deemed best to buy another horse. A horse was accordingly purchased for the use of the town.

We commenced operations April 8th, 1872. The worst places were sought out first, and put into passable condition. The roads on every line were then attended to as rapidly as possible.

Near the depot at Fayville we found the road so very bad, in early spring, as to be almost impassable, also another, always muddy in spring, between Mr. Whittemore's and the centre depot. At various points on this entire line of road, we have applied in all about five hundred (500) loads of good gravel. We also removed a portion of the ledge, between Marshal Whittemore's and the railroad crossing, at an expense of about thirty (30) dollars. These improvements are in a measure permanent.

We have made heavy repairs on the road leading from the guide-board near the late S. Brigham's, to Westboro' line.

We have raised the road in front of the store at Cordaville so as to turn the water from the road.

To the road leading from the Congregational church, past the house of J. Cunneen, we have applied about five hundred (500) loads of gravel.

The whole number of loads of gravel put upon the roads the past year, paid for by the town, is three thousand nine hundred and thirty-two (3,932).

The commissioners have bought, for the use of the town, a very large gravel-pit of Hugh Riley. The need of this has long been felt in this part of the town.

We have also purchased, in the easterly part of the town, another pit of Oren Nichols.

The commissioners were called upon, the past year, on petition of Alfred H. Jones and others, to lay out and locate a town road, leading from a point near the house of said Jones, easterly, to a point near the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad.

This we have done, and our report has been accepted by the town.

We deem it worthy of mention that several parties on the different lines of road throughout the town have voluntarily removed brush, limbs, and other obstructions that stood in the way of public travel.

The commissioners desire to express their thanks to Augustus P. Bacon for his services, and use of tools, free of charge, on a hard job in that part of the town.

There is another fact that must not pass unnoticed. A goodly number of the citizens of the "East End," so-called, turned out voluntarily to make sundry improvements on the county road, leading by the school-house, Ward 2, to the house of John A. Page.

Oren Nichols generously furnished all the gravel needed for this purpose, free of charge, of which one hundred and fifty-two (152) loads were used.

We will mention the names of the parties who assisted in this public work. S. T. Ball furnished horse, cart and man one day. Russell Robertson, self one day. John Robertson, one day. W. B. Rice, man one half day. Horace Nichols, self one day. R. Goddard, one day. George Newton, self and man one day.

John Nichols, self one half day. Hiram Nichols, self one half day. H. P. Pierce self, horse and cart one day.

It will be seen that this is an important work, effected without expense to the town.

The town very generously granted two thousand (2,000) dollars for repairs on highways.

We have received, for timber sold, the sum of twenty-five (25) cents.

We had, therefore, \$2,000.25 to be expended for road purposes.

Your commissioners have expended, on roads and highways, the entire appropriation.

We have also expended one hundred and twenty dollars and sixty-five cents (\$120.65) for taking up and relaying a culvert in the westerly part of the town.

Taking into consideration the heavy rains of last season, which were so disastrous to the roads, and the condition in which they were left in the autumn, we feel confident that the manner in which we have expended the money will be satisfactory.

H. P. PIERCE,  
WM. A. BUCK,  
JOSEPH BURNETT,

*Road Commissioners of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 3, 1873.

We further certify that we have on hand, the following property, belonging to the Town: —

2 horses, valued at . . . . .	\$130 00
2 horse-carts . . . . .	50 00
2 harnesses . . . . .	25 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen shovels . . . . .	9 00
Horse shed . . . . .	20 00
Chains, whippletrees, etc., . . . . .	13 00
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	\$247 00

## EXTRAORDINARY ROAD EXPENSES.

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid Edward Burnett, for men and horses	.	.	\$39 20
J. L. Bickford, " " "	.	.	3 30
L. E. Brown,	.	.	3 20
E. A. Buck, " " "	.	.	9 60
W. H. Buck, " " oxen	.	.	21 65
G. W. Buck,	.	.	4 00
C. Brown,	.	.	7 40
David Brewer,	.	.	2 00
S. T. Ball, " " horses	.	.	9 00
Geo. E. Brewer,	.	.	2 20
A. E. Bacon,	.	.	1 20
Dennis Bagley,	.	.	15
John O'Brien,	.	.	9 10
W. B. Buck,	.	.	9 52
Thomas Cunneen,	.	.	6 00
Wm. Collins,	.	.	4 00
John Cunneen,	.	.	13 60
Geo. F. Cole,	.	.	6 50
W. P. Este,	.	.	30
J. G. Eames,	.	.	2 80
Moses A. Emery,	.	.	7 85
Moses Emery,	.	.	1 60
Walter M. Fay, " " oxen	.	.	20 50
Charles M. Fay,	.	.	6 00
J. A. J. Fay,	.	.	1 40
George W. Fay,	.	.	13 50
J. S. Fay, " " horses	.	.	15 40
G. C. Fisher,	.	.	7 59
G. W. Goodnow, " " "	.	.	8 05
R. Goddard,	.	.	60
S. G. Hosmer, " " "	.	.	10 50
Wm. Harper,	.	.	2 60
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>			<hr/> \$250 31

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>			\$250 31
Paid Isaac Howard,	.	.	2 67
P. Hefferen,	.	.	3 10
Hugh Heenan,	.	.	3 00
Benj. Hartford, for men and horses	.	.	11 00
J. A. Howe,	.	.	4 16
D. F. Howe,	.	.	5 20
I. G. Howe, " " "	.	.	12 90
F. W. Hayden,	.	.	3 40
Caleb Jennison,	.	.	2 00
L. F. Johnson,	.	.	16 80
A. F. Johnson, " " oxen	.	.	27 40
C. L. Johnson " " horses	.	.	35 60
J. Kilgriaff,	.	.	4 00
Joseph Lowell,	.	.	16 00
D. Lahey,	.	.	1 62
Dennis Murphy,	.	.	4 60
M. Murphy,	.	.	5 50
P. McMahon,	.	.	9 80
J. I. Marshall,	.	.	5 00
Oren Nichols,	.	.	1 60
L. A. Newton,	.	.	5 70
G. W. Newton,	.	.	1 05
H. Nichols,	.	.	1 20
Hiram Nichols,	.	.	1 60
A. J. Newton, " " oxen	.	.	27 42
H. Newton,	.	.	10 80
W. S. Parker,	.	.	50
Warren Parmenter,	.	.	20 60
B. F. Pierce,	.	.	3 20
H. P. Pierce,	.	.	6 80
B. F. Prentiss, " " "	.	.	4 05
John A. Richards,	.	.	80
E. E. Rockwood, " " "	.	.	4 60
R. Robertson,	.	.	9 90
T. F. Riley,	.	.	7 20
Willie Sanborn,	.	.	28
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>			<hr/> \$531 36

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$531 36
Paid P. Salmon, . . . . .	3 40
John Sullivan, . . . . .	6 80
Joseph Stumpf, . . . . .	24 00
O. S. Streeter, . . . . .	2 50
Patrick Toomey, . . . . .	8 00
W. P. Winchester, . . . . .	18
F. A. Winchester, for men and oxen, . .	16 40
F. L. Young, . . . . .	6 30
Sundry bills paid by W. Parmenter . . .	46 70
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	\$645 64

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SALARIES.

F. Este, Town Clerk . . . . .	\$45 35	
" Treasurer . . . . .	50 00	
" Collector . . . . .	195 40	
	<hr/>	\$290 75
Wm. H. Buck, selectman . . . . .	\$65 00	
F. W. Hayden " . . . . .	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$117 00
James Williams, assessor . . . . .	\$57 00	
Jonas Fay " . . . . .	60 00	
George C. Harlow " . . . . .	37 50	
	<hr/>	\$154 50
Jonas Fay, S. Committee . . . . .	\$52 00	
R. Goddard " " . . . . .	52 00	
John Colby " " . . . . .	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$156 00
H. P. Pierce, road commissioner . . .	\$50 00	
Wm. H. Buck " . . . . .	50 00	
Joseph Burnett " . . . . .	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00
George C. Harlow, overseer . . . . .	\$20 00	
Moses Emery " . . . . .	15 00	
B. F. Pierce " . . . . .	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/>
		\$913 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$913 25
F. Este, sealer of weights and measures . . . . .		20 00
Heman Este, librarian . . . . .		60 00
F. W. Walker, constable . . . . .	26 40	
S. E. Parker " . . . . .	29 00	
	<hr/>	55 40
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		\$1,048 65

### RECAPITULATION.

Amount of orders drawn 1872-73, \$12,031 53.

Paid salaries . . . . .	\$1,048 65
contingent expenses . . . . .	1,333 48
town reports . . . . .	127 95
memorial committee . . . . .	91 37
cemetery committee . . . . .	154 95
F. Library, less salary of librarian . . . . .	65 93
contingent school expense . . . . .	216 57
order of overseers, less salary . . . . .	1,024 09
road commissioners . . . . .	2,000 00
school account . . . . .	4,660 88
extraordinary road expense . . . . .	645 64
State aid . . . . .	662 00
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	\$12,031 53

### TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH.

#### Dr.

To cash received for rent of halls . . . . .	\$82 00
" " " " ashes . . . . .	3 80
" wood on hand . . . . .	21 00
" gasoline " . . . . .	50 00
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	\$156 80

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March 4. To wood and gasoline on hand . . .	\$45 00	
" cash paid C. Hyde, care of T. H. . . .	34 50	
" " " for gasoline . . . . .	58 52	
" " " " wood . . . . .	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$160 52

Expense over receipts, \$3 72.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. WEBSTER,

CURTIS HYDE,

I. G. HOWE,

*T. H. Committee.*

# PRICE LIST FOR USE OF HALLS, ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE.

## UPPER HALL.

For lectures, . . . . .	\$5 00
concerts, . . . . .	10 00
outside exhibitions, . . . . .	15 00
balls from 8 o'clock P. M. to 1 o'clock A. M.,* . . .	15 00
afternoon shows (summer), . . . . .	10 00
afternoon shows (winter), . . . . .	10 00
cotillion parties (not using lower hall and kitchen), per hour, . . . . .	3 00

## LOWER HALL.

For Farmer's Club, lighted and heated, . . . . .	2 00
dancing school, " " . . . . .	2 50
" (summer), . . . . .	1 50
cotillion parties and festivals, evenings, per hour, . . .	2 00
singing school (evenings), lighted and heated, per hour, . . . . .	1 25

\* \$5 per hour after 1 A. M.

For lectures, lighted and heated, . . . . .	\$3 00
evening exhibitions (lighted and heated), . . . . .	5 00
Farmers' Club annual exhibition, whole building free. . . . .	

CURTIS HYDE,  
H. F. WEBSTER,  
I. G. HOWE,

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 3, 1873.

*Committee.*

### INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY, MARCH, 1873.

Town House and fixtures, . . . . .	\$19,600 00
High School-house, . . . . .	2,740 00
Grammar School-house, . . . . .	1,600 00
School-house, Ward 1, . . . . .	1,000 00
"    "    2, . . . . .	600 00
"    "    3, . . . . .	1,000 00
"    "    4, . . . . .	1,000 00
"    "    5, . . . . .	1,000 00
"    "    6, . . . . .	1,000 00
"    "    7, . . . . .	1,000 00
Fay Library, . . . . .	1,000 00
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	\$31,540 00

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1872, TO JANUARY 1, 1873.

<i>Births Registered</i> — Males, . . . . .	24
Females, . . . . .	21
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 45
<i>Marriages Registered</i> , . . . . .	17
<i>Deaths Registered</i> , — Males, . . . . .	23
Females, . . . . .	18
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 41

## Deaths.

Date of Death.	N A M E S .	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 7,	Alice McKnight, . . . . .	5	1	24
13,	Ann McTurnen, . . . . .	1	10	-
13,	Patty W. Bridges, . . . . .	85	7	16
30,	Elsie M. Fisk, . . . . .	2	6	8
31,	Thomas Moriarty, . . . . .	-	7	3
Feb. 8,	Phebe J. Newton, . . . . .	34	11	18
15,	Catharine E. Salmon, . . . . .	1	-	19
28,	Mary Watson, . . . . .	84	8	19
29,	John Chamberlain, . . . . .	54	11	21
Mar. 11,	Mary Carhart, . . . . .	63	4	11
Apr. 5,	Francis Bird, . . . . .	5	11	-
21,	William E. McKnight, . . . . .	17	4	-
25,	Frank M. Homes, . . . . .	18	2	-
26,	Emerson Bigelow, . . . . .	54	4	22
May 1,	Henry H. Howard, . . . . .	45	4	3
13,	Josiah Bartlett, . . . . .	88	-	-
14,	Nelson Gilmore, . . . . .	44	4	8
20,	Rebecca R. Lowell, . . . . .	63	4	3
25,	James E. Carey, . . . . .	-	6	18
June 12,	Mary P. Wilson, . . . . .	7	4	27
26,	Roland G. Parmenter, . . . . .	3	1	7
July 14,	Henry O'Brien, . . . . .	68	-	-
Aug. 4,	Julia Fournier, . . . . .	-	1	-
10,	Mayhew V. Carr, . . . . .	16	5	-
17,	Samuel Brigham, . . . . .	82	3	15
24,	Emma A. Fay, . . . . .	29	6	3
26,	Johanna Lahey, . . . . .	76	6	-
30,	Stowell Richards, . . . . .	66	6	8
30,	Eveline B. Miller, . . . . .	-	9	19
Sept. 15,	Elijah C. Perkins, . . . . .	76	-	-
23,	Fillias Jandrue, . . . . .	6	4	27
Oct. 5,	Lydia S. Winchester, . . . . .	48	2	2
7,	Hannah D. Fay, . . . . .	79	2	25
20,	Frank A. Parker, . . . . .	-	-	10
Nov. 3,	Lorenzo D. Newton, . . . . .	24	-	-
18,	Dolly Pease, . . . . .	76	6	-
28,	William Dunn, . . . . .	18	-	-
28,	Jennie W. Flagg, . . . . .	23	6	3
Dec. 9,	Francis H. Davis, . . . . .	41	3	-
11,	Patrick O'Brien, . . . . .	51	3	-
25,	Adams Littlefield, . . . . .	89	6	4

FRANKKIN ESTE, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF SOUTHBOROUGH,  
FOR THE YEAR 1872-73.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTHBOROUGH:—

The School Committee respectfully submit their Annual Report, as required by the laws of the State.

We would not overestimate the relative importance of the department of public interest you have committed to us, yet we cannot but feel that you have placed us at the foundation of things, and that indifference or carelessness in the management of this trust occasions a loss not easily retrieved. However kindly you may regard the endeavors of your committee to discharge their duties faithfully, so much do they see undone which they desired to do, that they cannot look upon their work with entire satisfaction.

In our system of Common Schools, two things are implied: *first*, that intelligence is a necessity for citizens of a republic. As well think of carrying on a cotton-mill without cotton, or an iron foundry without iron, as a republic without intelligence. It is not enough that this intelligence be possessed by the few. The multitude bear rule. The power is lodged with them. They are called upon to act where their action affects directly the public welfare. They have a voice in matters of the highest importance. They have a share in those duties, the faithful discharge of which furnishes the supports of our national strength. Ignorance can be supported anywhere more safely than under a form of government where such privileges are opened, and such duties imposed. We may have the *name* of a Republic without general intelligence, but nothing more. Our schools are designed to furnish the foundation and stimulus of such needful intelligence.

Another thing implied in our school system is, that it is highly important that our children and youth be educated together, that distinctions, social and religious, shall converge in their

early training. This mingling of the elements belongs to our very life. In the daily intercourse of school life, scholars take in the lesson of the "one blood." Mutual sympathies and interests are awakened. In the successes and failures of such a school life, it is seen that the sure rewards do not belong to him, as by right, who holds the "silver spoon" from his birth, but to him who, whether rich or poor, high or low, earns them by his diligence, faithfulness, and virtue. The way is open upward, and the encouragements are given to the most lowly to ascend. Earnest faithfulness may "covet the best gifts."

Our school system looks to this result. By this union of all classes in common studies and recreations, that there shall be a preparation made for co-operation in the common duties of citizenship; that from the intercourse, labors and sympathies of school life shall come forth men and women, not for the unhappy conflicts of classes, but to labor together for the promotion of a true and general prosperity. By this means it is designed to nourish and perpetuate a true republicanism. It is designed by our system of public schools to promote that intelligence essential to the proper discharge of the duties, and for the enjoyment of the privileges of American citizenship; by bringing together all classes in this early training, to nourish the spirit of co-operation among all, in efforts to reach the noble ends contemplated in our form of government.

It becomes us, then, to make it our care that our schools shall be worthy of such a design. It is not sufficient that these schools meet the lowest degree of appreciation; that they furnish certain advantages to those who have the most limited means to provide for themselves. They should be worthy of all classes. Why should not the *public* Primary school furnish as good a primary training as the *private*? Why should not the public Grammar school be as well furnished for its sphere of labor as any private institution? And why should not the public High school offer the best, within its sphere of duties? Cannot intellectual attainments, experience, wisdom, and devotion be obtained for the public as well as for the private institution? And are they not as appropriately employed when moulding the many as when moulding the few? It is frequently the case that individuals of ample

means will expend a sum for higher educational privileges for their children, which sum, added to the public appropriation, would extend those higher privileges to every child and youth in town. Would it be a loss to the *few* if all should be allowed to share in those privileges? Public and private enterprise may well unite in furnishing the best educational facilities to *all* the children and youth.

If our schools are to be worthy of the patronage of all, they must be *safe morally*, as well as offer good opportunities for mental training. If they are not this, they are nothing worthy of patronage. If they are not this, in a moral community, then there is a sad neglect somewhere. By being safe morally, we do not mean that low degrees of moral culture may not be found in them, or that vicious propensities may not sometimes show themselves. This, though deeply to be regretted, must be expected. But our schools should have a moral atmosphere, in which vicious propensities shall feel under restraint. They should be under moral control, and be highly favorable for moral culture. Moral lessons should be enforced, and moral delinquences guarded against with the utmost care. Parents should have the privilege of feeling that their children are going daily among healthy influences, — influences that promote safety. The sensitiveness of parents to any immoral influences in our schools should be met by increased watchfulness and effort that these schools may be, in the highest sense, healthy.

Thus would we have our schools worthy of all classes, by their excellence in mental and moral training. And public and private enterprise are making their most profitable investments when they are seeking to maintain such influences in behalf of all the children and youth in the community. A sad day will be reached in our history, when, for any reason, the children, and the interest of those whose influence and means can furnish them important support to any considerable extent, shall be withdrawn from our public schools, and they shall be left merely to meet the most indifferent requirements for public education.

Your committee have desired to diminish the loss incurred by the absence of children from school privileges. In regard to "average attendance," we are down lower on the list of the towns

of the Commonwealth than is desirable. Several things have prevented the result aimed at in the efforts of the committee. The deep snows of the past winter have had their effect upon school attendance; the dread of the contagious disease which has visited so many places the past winter occasioned the withdrawal of many from the schools; and its appearance in the south part of the town and in Fayville shortened the term of their schools. The increasing opportunities for the children to "earn something" have their effect upon the schools. When the dollar in the hand comes in competition with intangible knowledge, the dollar, too often, becomes the stronger candidate, and is elected. But it will be felt, in after life, that the dollar is no fair compensation for the surrendered advantages of the early school training. Parents and manufacturers can do much to correct the evil of which we speak.

During the past year, our schools, to a greater extent than is usual, have been in the charge of those who have earned a good reputation by years of successful labor in the school-room. And they have evidently sought to give their pupils the best fruits of those years of experience; while in the few cases of inexperience, a good preparation for their work, and devotion to the interests of their scholars, have given great satisfaction. From no one of our teachers are we under the necessity of withholding our commendation and our thanks for most faithful and successful labors. It belongs to us to speak of the work of the year more in detail:—

#### WARD NO. ONE. (CENTRE.)

This is one of our largest schools, and by no means the easiest to control. There is a life here that calls for much wisdom, in order that it shall be properly employed and directed. A teacher, in her work in this school, will not be likely to conclude that she has too great keenness of sight, or that her mind is too fertile in expedients to interest, or that she has a surplus of patience. The success of the teacher,—Miss CARRIE A. HOBBS,—the advancement of her scholars in their studies, and the hold she gained upon the regard of the parents and children, are a sufficient testimony to her fitness for the place. Gladly would the committee

have retained her in a work for which she showed such adaptation, and in which she was rendering such valuable service. But we could not properly press our claims in the face of a "previous engagement." It will not be easy to fill the place made vacant by her resignation.

#### WARD NO. TWO. — (EAST.)

It has been the good fortune of this ward to retain for several terms a teacher eminently qualified for the work of the school-room. Such a teacher can hardly fail to exert a happy influence over her scholars. She secures their respect and affection, and meets their confidence by faithful efforts to advance them in knowledge, and to establish them in that which is "lovely and of good report." We trust that her labors and influence may not be withdrawn from the school for a long time to come.

#### WARD NO. THREE. — (FAYVILLE.)

Miss AMELIA R. BRIGHAM, of Marlboro, commenced her second term in this school at the opening of the school year. She had confirmed the reputation acquired elsewhere as an excellent teacher, and was establishing herself in the confidence of all, when, on account of the removal of her parents to the West, she resigned her position. Miss Brigham was succeeded by Miss I. L. TYLER, of Southville, whose services in other schools in town have been highly commended in school reports. The schools over which Miss Tyler presides are orderly, and her classes "go marching on." The work of the year in this school has been somewhat interrupted by the illness of scholars, and was brought to a sudden close by the appearance of the small-pox within the ward, on the tenth week of the winter term.

#### WARD NO. FOUR. — (CORDAVILLE.)

We have only one school in town larger than this. Through the year it has been taught by Miss A. S. CARLTON, of Westboro'. There is much work to be done by a teacher in so large a school. Miss Carlton has not shrunk from the needful work; but has been

diligent and persevering in efforts to raise the school to a high standard of excellence. It indicates the right direction of the motion when we say, that, in our opinion, the last term was the best. Sudden fear fell upon this school also, and it was closed without an examination.

#### WARD NO. FIVE. — (FLAGG.)

This school has been under good instruction for years; and there appears a laudable ambition in a large proportion of the scholars to excel in their studies. If we do not mistake their spirit, some of these scholars, at some time, will give a creditable addition to a school of a higher grade. The first term of the year this school was under the care of Miss LAURA M. CHAMBERLAIN. Miss Chamberlain was here as a pupil in her childhood, and went out from this school to enter the Peters High School, and thence to Mt. Holyoke Seminary. She came back to show us how good a teacher, a diligent and dutiful scholar will make. Her desire to return to the seminary took from the school a teacher of great promise. She was succeeded by Miss HELEN G. BARNARD, of Framingham. It was gratifying to the committee, that they could secure for the school one whose valuable services in former years, in another school, had been acknowledged. Her school has a home-like appearance that is inviting, and the visitor is assured that the teacher is seeking, by various methods, to interest and instruct her pupils. We hope for a continuance of her labors in the school.

#### WARD NO. SIX. — (WEST.)

Miss GERTRUDE A. VAN ORNMEN, of this town, a recent graduate of the Framingham Normal School, entered this school without experience as a teacher, on the third term of the previous year. She was giving good evidence of her ability to teach. This evidence was discovered by a superintendent of a neighboring city, who made the persuasive bid; and she resigned at the close of the spring term. Her pupils and many friends here will desire for her much success in the schools of the city.

Miss Van Ornmén was followed by Miss ELLA L. BROWN, of Cordaville. Miss Brown had been for several terms a member of

our High School. In these two terms of service as a teacher, she has acquired a good name for herself, while she has been doing good work for the school. She has won a high place in the confidence and affection of those whom she has so faithfully served. Her return to the school is earnestly desired.

#### WARD No. SEVEN. — (SOUTHVILLE.) UPPER DEPARTMENT.

The teacher of this school, Miss C. B. GROW, has completed her seventh year of service in the schools of this town. We know not how far back we must go to find another instance of service continued for so many years. We always expect to find her school in order, and her scholars generally making thorough work in their studies. It is hoped that other years will be added to the profitable work of the past.

The protracted illness of Miss GROW made it necessary to furnish a substitute for the second term. Miss ABBIE F. WILLSON, of Cordaville, who had earned an excellent reputation as a teacher in the 4th Ward, kindly consented to fill the place. Her experience enabled her to carry forward successfully the work of the term, and to commit her trust unimpaired to the permanent teacher.

#### LOWER DEPARTMENT.

Miss E. K. GROW has shown much skill in the management of this Primary department during the year, although she has been giving her first lessons as a teacher. Under her discipline the children are acquiring habits of ready obedience, and are making good preparation to go up higher. Miss G. is making it evident that she has not mistaken her calling.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school occupies a very important place in the south part of the town. When it shall be more completely classified, and its relation to the other schools shall be established and generally understood, its usefulness will be increased.

For the first time in the history of the school, at the opening of the year, a lady became its teacher, — Mrs. L. F. PARSONS, of Hopkinton. Her eminent qualifications and long experience as a teacher were so well-known that this arrangement was satis-

factory to all who were interested in the school. No one anticipated any other than a gratifying result. No other result was reached. It was demonstrated that a lady may be in her appropriate place at the head of this school. It was regretted by all that the demands of her household should require the resignation of the teacher at the close of her first term.

The committee were not prepared to fill the vacancy with a lady. As an opportunity offered, they placed a male teacher in the school — Mr. HARRISON P. FAY, a native of the town, a young gentleman well-known and highly respected, and then a member of the Massachusetts School of Technology. He had never taught in a public school, and entered with some distrust upon his labors. But it was soon made evident that he was “master of the situation.” What was done in these two terms was an indication that a very important field of labor and usefulness would open to him as a teacher. But a purpose to change his occupation led him to tender his resignation at the close of the winter term. The committee hope that the frequent changes in the instruction of this school, which have been unavoidable in the past, may not continue. Its highest prosperity is secured only by the *continued* labors of a well-qualified teacher. The winter term of this school was considerably shortened, for the reason already named in this report.

#### PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

It has been the aim of the committee to classify our High School, and to give to it a course of study; to make it, indeed, a High School. Enough has been done in this direction to lead the committee to hope, that, with the co-operation of those interested in the success of the school, not a long time will elapse before a class shall graduate, having creditably completed the course of study prescribed. Of course, co-operation is necessary, in order that this result be reached. Parents, standing at the head of this influence, will decide whether their children shall remain in the school, or turn away early from it, and whether or not they shall attend with a good degree of regularity. What can be done to sustain a High School, without this influence? It is necessary, also, that our youth shall cherish the desire to reach the highest benefits of the High School. A strong desire of that

kind will meet with a favorable response from most parents, and by this means, the classes in the school will be kept in good condition as to numbers.

The present Principal, B. F. PARSONS, A. M., of Hopkinton, has manifested through the year a conscientious devotion to the interests of the school. Mr. Parsons is a graduate of Williams College, and has had a large experience as a teacher in the higher institutions of learning, in the western part of the State. He believes in *work* as the "royal road to learning," and endeavors to lead his pupils along that way. He is not satisfied that they shall grope their way in a "cloud-land," but seeks to lead them into the light, where they can see objects distinctly. He spares no efforts that his pupils may be making daily a real advance in knowledge. And these efforts have given results of great value; and continued, as we hope they will be, the school will be advancing to a position desired for it by its best friends.

The classes in French have enjoyed the rare privilege of having for their teacher, Mr. P. J. BORIS, teacher of the French language in Harvard College, and in the St. Mark's school of this town. Several of our teachers and others have availed themselves of this opportunity to extend their knowledge of the French language.

It is sometimes the complaint that the High School is receiving too great a proportion of the appropriation for public schools; that it is withdrawing from the needs of the Ward schools. But, let it be considered that the High School is not only doing a work in its own particular sphere, but it stimulates to increased effort the scholars in the other schools. When proper support is given to the High School, we improve every other school with which it is connected. A well-furnished High School—one worthy the patronage of all—becomes a goal, to reach which the scholars in the lower schools will be striving. Open the very best opportunities in the High School for the education of all, and the numbers will be increased in the Ward schools who will be earnest in their studies, that they may be prepared to enjoy its benefits. So that our expenditure for the High School is shared by every school in town.

In conclusion, we would express the hope that the enterprise of the town may never be wanting in that wisdom which gives a liberal support to these schools that have so much to do with our honor and best interests.

## STATISTICS.

## SPRING TERM.

WARDS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average At- tendance.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Length of Schi. in Mos.	Wages of teachers per month, in- cluding brd.
No. 1 . .	Carrie A. Hobbs .	41	34	-	-	3	\$40 00
2 . .	Mary S. Whippey .	22	17	-	1	3	32 00
3 . .	Amelia R. Brigham .	28	22	-	-	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
4 . .	A. S. Carlton .	48	31	-	-	3	40 00
5 . .	Laura M. Chamberlain	16	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 00
6 . .	Gert'de A. Van Ommen	20	17	-	3	3	30 00
7, U. D..	C. B. Grow .	35	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	40 00
7, L. D..	E. K. Grow .	43	28 $\frac{3}{4}$	3	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	36 00

## FALL TERM.

No. 1 . .	Carrie A. Hobbs .	47	42	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	\$40 00
2 . .	Mary S. Whippey .	19	14	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 00
3 . .	Isota L. Tyler .	34	27	-	-	3	40 00
4 . .	A. S. Carlton .	43	35	1	1	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	40 00
5 . .	Helen G. Barnard .	17	16	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 00
6 . .	Ella L. Brown .	20	17	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	30 00
7, U. D..	C. B. Grow .	34	27	-	-	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
7, L. D..	E. K. Grow .	53	41	-	-	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 00

## WINTER TERM.

No. 1 . .	Carrie A. Hobbs .	38	34	-	-	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$40 00
2 . .	Mary S. Whippey .	22	17	-	2	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 00
3 . .	Isota L. Tyler .	42	33 $\frac{1}{4}$	-	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
4 . .	A. S. Carlton .	44	34	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
5 . .	Helen G. Barnard .	20	17	-	-	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 00
6 . .	Ella L. Brown .	16	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	30 00
7, U. D..	C. B. Grow .	28	18	-	-	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
7, L. D..	E. K. Grow .	44	28	-	-	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 00

## STATISTICS. — Continued.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average At- tendance.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Length of Schl. in Mos.	Wages of teachers per month, in- cluding b'rd.
First . .	L. F. Parsons . .	36	30	—	4	3	\$60 00
Second. .	H. P. Fay . .	43	31	—	—	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	60 00
Third . .	H. P. Fay . .	35	29	—	6	2	60 00

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

First . .	B. F. Parsons . .	34	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	12	3	\$123 07 $\frac{3}{4}$
Second. .	B. F. Parsons . .	37	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	12	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	123 07 $\frac{3}{4}$
Third . .	B. F. Parsons . .	36	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	15	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	123 07 $\frac{3}{4}$

JONAS FAY,  
 RICHARDSON GODDARD,  
 JOHN COLBY,  
*School Committee of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March, 1873.

STATEMENT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 28, 1874.

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BOSTON:  
PRESS OF ROCKWELL & CHURCHILL  
122 WASHINGTON STREET.  
1874.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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Circumstances having prevented the Auditing Committee from performing the duties assigned them by the town, they feel obliged to submit a short history of their doings since their election.

The Auditors supposed the vote passed at the last annual meeting of this town, defining our duties, was as clear and distinct as a vote could well be, and capable of but one definition. It was also a nearly unanimous vote. In the face of this vote, and against our protests, the Town Treasurer paid all bills without being audited, and without the Selectmen's orders for the same, to a large amount.

These bills we subsequently refused to audit until we should be authorized by the town, which was finally done at a regular meeting.

At the close of the financial year, your committee called on the Treasurer for the purpose of auditing books, accounts, etc., as former auditors have always done.

Much to our surprise, the Town Treasurer refused to allow his books, accounts or papers to be examined by us, or to show us the same.

A paper was received by us entitled Treasurer's Report, 1874, and audited by the selectmen, they certifying to having examined it and finding it correct.

This account we examined as well as circumstances would allow, and find it *incorrect*.

Your committee cannot help expressing surprise that a board of officers not authorized should have assumed a duty belonging to us.

You will perceive from the foregoing why the statements of the Town Treasurer herewith submitted remain unaudited.

Your committee have experienced great inconvenience in getting the reports distributed promptly, owing to the slowness with which the various committee reports were handed in, the last one not coming to hand till Feb. 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT,  
W. P. WILLSON.

*Auditing Committee.*

# REPORT.

*STATEMENT of Town Treasurer, showing the indebtedness of the Town  
March 2, 1874.*

## TOWN ASSETS.

Uncollected Taxes . . . . .	\$1,248 71
Cash in Treasury . . . . .	3,372 50
Amount due from State . . . . .	533 00
	<hr/> \$5,154 21

## TOWN DEBT.

Date of Note.	To WHOM PAYABLE.	Rate.	When pay'ble	Amount.
Dec. 18, 1860	Industrial School . . . . .	7 per ct.	On demand	\$5,000 00
May 2, 1861	" " . . . . .	7 "	" "	7,000 00
Nov. 1, 1863	Fay Library . . . . .	6 "	" "	500 00
Sept. 10, 1869	M. K. Johnson . . . . .	7 "		1,200 00
" 30, 1869	Worcester Mut. Fire Ins. Co.	7 "		10,000 00
July 1, 1870	W. P. Willson . . . . .	7 "		4,000 00
Feb. 1, 1870	Dolly Bond . . . . .	7 "		1,000 00
" 4, 1870	Mary P. Clifford . . . . .	7 "		750 00
" 21, 1870	Worcester Mut. Fire Ins. Co.	7 "		5,000 00
Apr. 27, 1870	Fay Library . . . . .	7 "		1,000 00
Dec. 2, 1872	Ashbel Howe . . . . .	6 "		1,000 00
				<hr/> \$36,450 00
	Interest on said notes . . . . .			800 00
	Due Overseers of the Poor. . . . .			84 07
				<hr/> \$37,334 07
	Deduct assets . . . . .			5,154 21
				<hr/> \$32,179 86
	Balance of indebtedness March 2, 1874 . . . . .			\$32,179 86
	Indebtedness March 3, 1873 . . . . .			\$34,761 06

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

F. ESTE, *Collector, in account with the TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, from  
March 3, 1873, to March 2, 1874.*

Dr.	
To uncollected taxes for the year 1870 . . . . .	\$18 49
“ “ “ 1871 . . . . .	47 23
“ “ “ 1872 . . . . .	1,020 42
To taxes committed for the year 1873 . . . . .	20,099 03
Interest on taxes . . . . .	124 73
	<hr/> \$21,309 90

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By cash paid Town Treasury . . . . .	\$18,419 56
“ “ County Tax . . . . .	1,626 86
uncollected Taxes for the year 1870 . . . . .	17 88
“ “ “ 1871 . . . . .	22 28
“ “ “ 1872 . . . . .	138 84
“ “ “ 1873 . . . . .	1,069 71
abatement of taxes . . . . .	14 77
	<hr/> \$21,309 90

(Signed)

FRANKLIN ESTE, *Collector.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 2, 1874.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Collector's account, and find  
it correct.

(Signed)

JAMES WILLIAMS,  
JONAS FAY,  
SAMUEL TAFT,  
*Assessors of Southborough.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. F. ESTE, *Town Treasurer*, in account with the TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, from March 1, 1873, to March 2, 1874. Cr.

To Balance in Treasury, March, 1, 1873,	\$2,212 80	By Cash paid — Selectmen's Orders,	\$12,653 51
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	199 33	“ “ “ Interest on Debt,	2,607 37
“ “ “ State Aid,	668 00	“ “ “ Temporary Loan,	4,531 59
“ “ “ National Bank Tax,	785 52	“ “ “ State Tax,	2,227 50
“ “ “ School Fund,	171 82	“ “ “ Town Debt,	2,000 00
Borrowed in anticipation of Taxes,	4,469 06	“ “ “ Treasurer Fay Library, dog money,	98 36
Received of Six lots in Cemetery,	42 00	“ “ “ Photograph, Hon. F. B. Fay,	65 00
“ Town-house Committee,	181 75	“ “ “ Treasury,	3,372 50
“ For loam at Cemetery,	19 50		
“ For non-resident Scholars,	29 25		
“ County Treasurer — dog-money,	196 72		
“ Town of Dudley,	33 90		
“ John Welch,	20 00		
“ Fence and post at P. H. School-house,	28 25		
“ Collector,	18,419 56		
“ For Liquor,	59 37		
“ “ Gravel,	4 00		
“ “ Grass,	15 00		
	<hr/> \$27,555 83		<hr/> \$27,555 83

FRANKLIN ESTE, *Treasurer*.

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 4, 1874.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Town Treasurer's account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. H. BUCK,  
F. W. HAYDEN,  
C. J. HOOPER.

*Selectmen of the Town of Southborough.*

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF  
SOUTHBOROUGH.

## Dr.

To town appropriation . . . .	\$4,500 00	
amount unexpended last year . .	217 08	
“ of dog money . . . .	98 36	
“ collected from non-residents .	29 25	
“ of State School Fund . .	172 82	
	<u>          </u>	\$5,017 51

## Cr.

## WARD 1.

Paid Mary A. Gill, services 11 weeks .	\$110 00	
“ “ “ “ 11 “ . .	110 00	
“ M. A. Brown, “ 11 “ . .	110 00	
	<u>          </u>	330 00

## WARD 2.

Paid Anna A. Joy, services 11 weeks .	\$88 00	
“ “ “ “ “ 8 “ . .	64 00	
“ Mary A. Whippey, 2 “ . .	16 00	
“ Anna A. Joy, “ 12 “ . .	96 00	
	<u>          </u>	264 00

## WARD 3.

Paid I. L. Tyler, services 11 weeks . .	\$110 00	
“ “ “ “ 11 “ . .	110 00	
“ Mrs. J. H. Priest, 11 $\frac{2}{3}$ “ . .	116 00	
	<u>          </u>	336 00

## WARD 4.

Paid A. S. Carleton, services 11 weeks .	\$110 00	
“ “ “ “ 11 “ . .	110 00	
“ I. L. Tyler, “ 12 “ . .	120 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$340 00

## WARD 5.

Paid Laura M. Chamberlain, services 11 weeks,	\$88 00	
H. G. Barnard, " 11 "	88 00	
L. W. Chamberlain, " 12 "	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$272 00

## WARD 6.

Paid Ella Brown, services 11 weeks . .	\$88 00	
" " 11 " . .	88 00	
Lucy N. Fisher, 12 " . .	96 00	
	<hr/>	272 00

## WARD 7.

Paid E. K. Grow, services 11 weeks . .	\$99 00	
C. B. Grow, " 11 " . .	110 00	
E. K. Grow, " 11 " . .	99 00	
C. B. Grow, " 11 " . .	110 00	
E. L. Brown, " " . .	108 00	
E. K. Grow, " 12 " . .	108 00	
	<hr/>	634 00

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid H. E. Sibley, services 12 weeks . .	\$180 00	
" " 11 " . .	165 00	
" " 12 " . .	180 00	
	<hr/>	525 00

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid B. F. Parsons, services $\frac{1}{3}$ of year .	\$433 00	
Mrs. B. F. Parsons, " ass't, 8 weeks,	64 00	
P. J. Boris, " French Teacher,	50 00	
B. F. Parsons, " "	433 33	
P. J. Boris, " " "	100 00	
Mr. and Mrs. F. Parsons, services,	537 67	
	<hr/>	1,618 00
Total to Feb. 28, 1874 . . .		\$4,591 00

We hereby certify the above statement to be correct.

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,	} <i>Auditing</i>
I. LOWELL PRATT,	
W. P. WILLSON,	

*Committee.*

## FUEL, ETC., FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid B. F. Prentiss, wood, etc., Ward 7	\$27 00
L. W. Newton, coal, P.H.S.	80 00
Dennis Collins, sawing wood, Ward 1	1 25
William Sullivan, care fires, Ward 3	1 60
Cronin & Claflin, " Ward 7	4 00
John McKnight, " G.S.	2 00
Freeman Day, " Ward 4	2 00
W. P. Este, " P.H.S.	3 00
Shavings, Ward 2	35
" Ward 3.	30
Wm. Burns, piling wood, etc., Ward 2	50
Geo. Fish, care school-house, Ward 4	2 00
R. Cronin, " " " 7	4 00
J. T. McKnight " G.S.	3 00
F. A. Dorr, coal, Ward 4	19 50
" " " G.S.	9 75
" " " Ward 7	29 25
" " putting in coal and shavings,	
Ward 7.	3 70
M. E. Fisher, care fire, Ward 6	2 00
G. H. Harrington, handling wood, Ward 5	2 00
Clarence Newton, care school, Ward 1	2 50
Orin Nichols, 1½ cord wood, Ward 2	9 00
Dennis Collins, bill, P.H.S.	1 00
" " Ward 1	5 00
Mary A. Fisher, wood, Ward 1	8 00
C. B. Sawin, wood	1 00
C. B. Brigham, care fire, Ward 6	2 00
Handling wood	1 00
Clarence Newton, care fire, Ward 1	3 00
B. F. Pierce, bill, Ward 5	16 50
" " " " 6	19 50
Clarence Newton, bill, care fires, Ward 1	2 00
F. A. Dorr, bill, Ward 4	4 00
" " " G.S.	3 00

Amount carried forward,

\$274 70

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$274 70
Paid Bellows, care school-room, P. H. S. . . . .	5 00
R. Goddard, 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ cords wood . . . . .	25 00
“ “ sawing and splitting . . . . .	6 00
C. B. Chapin, 2 cords wood, Ward 3 . . . . .	16 00
“ “ 1 cord “ 4 . . . . .	8 00
“ “ 1 “ “ G. S. . . . .	8 00
Orin Nichols, wood, Ward 1 . . . . .	3 50
Wallace Howe, sawing and splitting wood, Ward 3 . . . . .	4 37
G. H. Harrington, sawing and splitting wood, Ward 5 . . . . .	5 25
T. F. Riley, sawing and splitting wood, Ward 6 . . . . .	5 00
Charles Bemis, care fires, Ward 6 . . . . .	4 00
G. C. Harlow, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cords wood, P. H. S. . . . .	20 00
“ “ 2 “ “ Ward 1 . . . . .	17 76
“ “ 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ cord “ “ 3 . . . . .	12 24
Henry Cheney, care fires “ 4 . . . . .	4 00
Charles Murray “ G. S. . . . .	5 00
R. Cronin “ Ward 7 . . . . .	6 00
F. A. Dorr, shavings, “ 4 and 7 . . . . .	75
L. W. Chamberlain, bill, “ 5 . . . . .	60
N. Hildreth, care fires “ 5 . . . . .	6 00
R. Goddard, “ “ etc. “ 2 . . . . .	4 75
A. D. Howe, wood . . . . .	11 38
D. H. Thompson, care fires “ 3 . . . . .	4 00
Charles L. Works “ P. H. S. . . . .	21 00
Total to Feb. 28, 1874 . . . . .	\$478 30
Add amount paid teachers . . . . .	4,591 00
Total . . . . .	\$5,069 30

We hereby certify the foregoing statement to be correct and vouched, though the appropriation has been overdrawn.

J. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT,  
W. P. WILLSON.

*Auditing Committee.*

## INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid A. W. Wendell, bill, setting glass	.	\$6 85
L. W. Newton, paint stock, Ward 4	.	49 91
Curtis Hyde, repairs	.	20 57
G. F. Barney, stock and labor, painting,		
Ward 1	.	76 08
Hubbard Wilson, glass, G. school	.	5 00
"    "    procuring teacher Gram-		
mar school	.	3 50
"    "    paid T. Edson, painting		
school-house, Ward 4	.	5 62
A. W. Wendell, repairing school-house,		
Ward 4	.	13 60
Curtis Wood	.	14 99
S. T. Newell	.	5 50
J. A. Page, labor and stock, P. H. S.	.	6 60
B. Brown, cleaning clocks, Ward 2	.	2 00
door, lock, etc., Ward 2	.	1 60
Henry Newton, removing fence, P. H. S.	.	9 55
B. F. Prentiss, lumber and labor, G. S.	.	12 20
"    "    "    "    Ward 7	.	7 12
Samuel Taft, repairing clock	.	1 50
"    "    "    "    "	1	75
"    "    "    "    "	3	1 00
"    "    "    "    "	5	1 00
Mrs. O'Connell, cleaning,	" 6	80
D. H. Thompson, labor and stock	" 3	55 17
Mrs. Barney, cleaning, P. H. S.	.	1 00
L. W. Newton, sundries furnished differ-		
ent schools	.	15 76
Bradley and Brigham bill	.	26 58
L. W. Newton, Ward 1	" .	7 47
"    "    " 5	" .	3 57
"    "    " 6	" .	79
L. B. Brigham, repairs clock	.	1 10
L. F. Johnson, " "	.	5 25
John Colby	.	5 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<u>\$367 43</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$367 43
Paid H. Wilson, labor and stock, G. S.	\$2 00
Rufus Nourse " " Ward 3	1 50
George W. Walker, grate, etc., P. H. S.	5 00
F. W. Walker . . . . "	1 00
Curtis Hyde . . . . "	1 67
" " . . . . Ward 5	5 65
L. W. Newton, erasers, etc. . . .	7 52
W. A. Walker & Co., repairing pump	7 50
C. J. Hooper, brooms . . . .	80
J. A. Page, P. H. S. . . . .	28 71
Bradley and Brigham . . . .	30 02
Wright Bros., crayons, ink, etc. . .	25 31
Mrs. D. Lahey, cleaning school, Ward 3	1 25
E. K. Grow, " " " 7	2 00
C. B. Grow, " " " 7	2 00
R. Goddard, " P. H. S. . . .	1 50
Total to Feb. 28, 1874, . . . .	\$490 86

We certify the above statement to be correct.

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT,  
W. P. WILLSON.

*Auditing Committee.*

#### ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

June 2, 1873.

Paid M. Maley, 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ days . . . .	\$41 50
P. Donahue, 22 " . . . .	44 00
P. Bagley, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ " . . . .	39 00
J. Maley . . . . .	21 00
John Weber, 1 day . . . .	2 00
E. Burnett . . . . .	10 00
J. Kenady . . . . .	11 70
F. W. Walker & Co. . . . .	6 74
F. A. Dorr . . . . .	10 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$186 44

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$186 44	
Paid C. S. Williams & Son . . .	8 20	
W. Parmenter, 23½ days . . .	70 50	
	<hr/>	265 14
May.		
Paid M. Maley, 24½ days . . .	\$49 00	
P. Donahue, 22½ " . . .	45 00	
P. Bagley, 24 " . . .	48 00	
W. Parmenter, 26½ " . . .	79 50	
E. Burnett . . .	9 00	
F. W. Walker & Co. . . .	3 46	
P. Fay . . .	2 00	
P. McMahan . . .	2 40	
C. S. Williams & Son . . .	10 85	
F. A. Winchester . . .	6 52	
J. Maley . . .	10 50	
Wm. B. Rice . . .	1 *00	
Repairing harness . . .	05	
J. J. A. Fay . . .	1 00	
	<hr/>	268 28
July.		
Paid W. Parmenter . . .	\$29 55	
M. Maley, 2 days . . .	4 00	
C. S. Williams & Son . . .	8 20	
T. R. Capin . . .	14 00	
	<hr/>	55 75
August.		
Paid W. Parmenter, 22½ days . . .	\$67 50	
M. Maley, 21¾ " . . .	43 50	
P. Donahue, 20 " . . .	40 00	
P. Bagley, 21½ " . . .	43 00	
J. Maley, ½ " . . .	1 00	
F. Onthank, 1 " . . .	2 00	
F. W. Walker & Co. . . .	2 12	
J. Blair . . .	2 50	
C. S. Williams & Son . . .	12 75	
Wright & Newton . . .	4 26	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$218 63	

*Amount brought forward,*

September.		\$218 63
Paid Warren Parmenter, 26 days	.	\$78 00
M. Maley, 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	49 50
P. Donahue, 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	.	50 50
P. Bagley, 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	47 50
M. Levelle, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	.	11 50
Wm. Jennison	.	10 50
C. Church	.	6 00
F. W. Walker & Co.	.	4 51
C. S. Williams & Son	.	7 10
C. B. Sawin	.	1 80
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		\$266 91

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By cash of Lewis Brewer as gift to Town,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$265 91
October.		
Paid M. Maley, 24 days	48 00	
P. Donahue, 20 "	40 00	
P. Bagley, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	48 50	
M. Levelle, 6 "	12 00	
W. Collins, $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 00	
" " horse and cart, $\frac{1}{2}$	75	
W. F. Pratt, 35 hours	7 00	
F. W. Walker & Co., bill	6 26	
C. S. Williams & Son "	10 85	
E. C. Claffin	2 50	
Frank Walker, Marlboro, 31 loads of gravel	3 10	
G. C. Harlow, bill	4 50	
W. Parmenter, 26 days	78 00	
G. W. Goodnough, bill	3 20	
Stock, and nails	12	
"	14	
Frank Hayden	9 44	
	<hr/>	\$275 36

## November.

Paid F. W. Walker & Co., bill . . . .	\$4 48
L. W. Newton " . . . .	2 40
C. S. Williams & Son, bill . . . .	12 90
H. Neale . . . . .	6 00
Wm. Collins . . . . .	35 22
M. Maley, $14\frac{7}{10}$ days . . . .	29 40
P. Donahue, $14\frac{9}{10}$ " . . . .	28 90
P. Bagley, $15\frac{1}{10}$ " . . . .	30 20
W. Parmenter, $21\frac{1}{2}$ " . . . .	64 50
hay . . . . .	10 00
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	\$198 22

## Cr.

$\frac{1}{2}$ ft. wood . . . . .	50	
	<hr/>	197 72

## Dec. 8.

Paid M. Maley, $12\frac{6}{10}$ days . . . .	\$25 20
P. Donahue, $11\frac{6}{10}$ " . . . .	23 20
P. Bagley, $13\frac{4}{10}$ " . . . .	26 80
W. Parmenter, 18 " . . . .	54 00
C. S. Williams & Son, bill . . . .	10 63
F. W. Walker & Co. " . . . .	2 66
S. G. Hosmer " . . . .	10 50
L. Newton " . . . .	25
W. Parmenter, cutting brush, 32 hours .	6 40
hay . . . . .	10 00
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## April.

Paid W. Parmenter, 21 days . . . .	\$63 00
M. Mayley, $18\frac{3}{4}$ " . . . .	37 50
P. Donahue, $19\frac{3}{4}$ " . . . .	39 50
P. Bagley, $13\frac{1}{4}$ " . . . .	26 50
J. Mayley, bill . . . . .	10 50
W. Jenison, " . . . .	5 25
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$182 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$182 25	
Paid F. A. Winchester, bill . . . . .	7 00	
P. Toomy, bill . . . . .	6 00	
C. S. Williams & Son . . . . .	11 60	
C. Temple . . . . .	3 40	
F. W. Walker & Co. . . . .	8 83	
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	\$219 08	
Cr.		
Less work on Willow bridge . . . . .	10 75	
	<hr/>	208 33
Wm. Jenison, bill . . . . .	2 00	
Wm. Smith, " . . . . .	5 00	
" " " . . . . .	95	
G. W. Goodnough . . . . .	32	
cutting brush . . . . .	1 00	
rep. culverts . . . . .	2 00	
cutting brush, 22 hours . . . . .	4 40	
rep. culvert . . . . .	2 50	
M. Maley, 1 day . . . . .	2 00	
W. Parmenter, 3 hours . . . . .	75	
cash, use plow . . . . .	1 25	
	<hr/>	22 07
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		\$1,972 71

We certify the above statement to be correct.

JOS. S. FAY, JR.	} <i>Auditing</i> <i>Committee.</i>
I. LOWELL PRATT,	
W. P. WILLSON,	

#### EXTRAORDINARY ROAD EXPENSES.

Paid W. Parmenter, bill and two men . . . . .	\$3 50
H. Nichols, bill, stone drag . . . . .	3 75
pick-axe . . . . .	2 50
James Maley, 1 day's work . . . . .	2 00
W. Parmenter, building road in Fayville . . . . .	240 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$251 75

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$251 75
Paid L. W. Newton, shovels . . . . .	9 00
Sam'l Newton, pales for railing . . . . .	1 50
W. Parmenter . . . . .	28 44
Ames Plow Co. . . . .	14 44
J. S. Fay, Jr., straw . . . . .	10 50
C. S. Williams & Son . . . . .	4 95
“ “ “ . . . . .	6 40
W. Parmenter, hay for horses . . . . .	21 08
“ “ . . . . .	5 80
“ “ . . . . .	95
Total to February 28, 1874 . . . . .	\$354 81

We certify the above statement to be correct.

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,	} <i>Auditing Committee.</i>
I. LOWELL PRATT,	
W. P. WILLSON,	

# SNOW BILLS.

Paid L. E. Brown . . . . .	\$3 20
James Maley . . . . .	1 60
T. F. Riley . . . . .	2 00
G. F. Cole . . . . .	4 40
J. Cunneen . . . . .	5 20
B. H. Fay . . . . .	2 00
Charles Hildreth . . . . .	2 00
Charles Brown . . . . .	6 30
J. A. J. Fay . . . . .	1 00
A. F. Johnson . . . . .	22 90
Jos. Stumpf . . . . .	5 80
F. W. Hayden . . . . .	2 20
W. Parmenter . . . . .	82 20
Thomas Cunneen . . . . .	3 20
F. A. Winchester . . . . .	30 60
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$174 60

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$174 60
Paid T. F. Riley . . . . .	80
Geo. W. Fay . . . . .	3 80
Chas. M. Fay . . . . .	2 40
Wm. M. Fay . . . . .	12 50
J. Stumpf . . . . .	1 00
C. L. Johnson . . . . .	25 50
J. O'Brien . . . . .	2 00
L. F. Johnson . . . . .	18 00
B. F. Prentiss . . . . .	3 50
E. D. Rockwood . . . . .	4 25
Geo. Brown . . . . .	3 90
W. B. Buck . . . . .	7 16
W. H. Buck . . . . .	15 75
B. C. Fisher . . . . .	1 57
G. C. Fisher . . . . .	2 05
F. J. Eames . . . . .	20 28
A. J. Newton . . . . .	15 45
E. Burnett . . . . .	6 20
C. N. Brewer . . . . .	4 40
David Brewer . . . . .	1 00
C. S. Fay . . . . .	1 20
A. Light . . . . .	90
A. E. Bacon . . . . .	2 80
Caleb Jenison . . . . .	2 60
H. P. Pierce . . . . .	2 30
H. Nichols . . . . .	2 40
Ashville Howe . . . . .	3 10
R. Robertson . . . . .	4 10
Lowell A. Newton . . . . .	1 60
W. Harper . . . . .	2 40
Geo. Brown . . . . .	2 00
B. Hartford . . . . .	11 50
S. G. Hosmer . . . . .	8 40
B. Appleby and others . . . . .	4 45
C. B. Capen . . . . .	25 20

*Amount carried forward,*

\$401 06

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$401 06
Paid P. McMahan . . . . .		10 20
G. W. Goodnough . . . . .		3 20
E. Moulton . . . . .		6 20
Wm. Collins . . . . .		3 30
Wm. Parmenter (self and sundry persons)		30 50
Jas. Maley . . . . .		1 00
Nathan Weeks . . . . .		3 60
W. R. Woodberry . . . . .		1 20
John Maley . . . . .		2 00
P. Toomy . . . . .		10 20
P. Walker . . . . .		1 40
W. Parmenter . . . . .		7 70
P. McDonough . . . . .		1 40
J. O'Brien . . . . .		2 00
J. Kurby . . . . .		80
Total to Feb. 28, '74 . . . . .		<hr/> \$485 76

We certify the above statement to be correct.

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
 I. LOWELL PRATT,  
 W. P. WILLSON,  
*Auditing Committee.*

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1874:—

The number of paupers fully supported by the town is three, to wit:—Emery Goulding, Solomon B. Newton, and Emerson Woodbury.

## EXPENSE OF PAUPERS FULLY SUPPORTED.

Cash paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital for	
boarding Solomon B. Newton	. \$185 00
Nahum Newton, boarding Emery	
Goulding and Emerson Wood-	
bury	. . . . . 314 00
Wright Bros., for clothing	. 28 35
James Burdett, shoes	. 5 00
Mrs. H. Newton, making shirts	. 3 00
Lyman Newton, for shoes	. 1 65
	<hr/> \$537 00

## EXPENSE OF PAUPERS PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Cash paid City of Worcester, for expenses of	
sickness of John Welch	. \$75 00
for wood, groceries, etc., furnished	
Edwin Brackett and family	. 99 24
City of Charlestown, for support	
of Mary Hobbs	. . . 80 75
City of Charlestown, for support of	
Samuel Hobbs	. . . 49 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$303 99

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$303 99
Cash paid Wright Bros., groceries for Martha	
M. Davis and family . . . .	15 80
F. A. Dorr, coal for Martha M.	
Davis and family . . . .	5 50
Dr. J. H. Robinson, for medical at-	
tendance of Martha M. Davis	
and family . . . .	3 50
James Lowell, meat for Sarah	
McDermitt . . . .	9 07
Funeral expenses of C. McDermitt	20 00
Dr. J. H. Robinson, medical at-	
tendance of C. McDermitt . . .	35 00
C. J. Hooper, for groceries, Rosa-	
lind White . . . .	32 63
N. Newton, for wood, etc., Rosa-	
lind White . . . .	8 00
Dr. Robinson, medical attendance,	
Rosalind White . . . .	2 00
Jonas Fay, boarding Mrs. Jerusha	
Fay . . . .	16 50
for coffin, Jerusha Fay . . . .	17 00
for funeral attendance of Mrs. Je-	
rusha Fay . . . .	5 00
Nahum Newton, for boarding Bar-	
tholomew Carpenter, Thos. Car-	
penter and Nicholas White, one	
week . . . .	9 00
Nahum Newton, for lodging and	
boarding 302 strollers . . . .	226 50

\$709 49

## OTHER EXPENSES.

Cash paid for stationery . . . .	\$1 25
N. Newton, 3 journeys and ex-	
penses to Worcester . . . .	6 70
N. Newton, 2 journeys to Charles-	
town . . . .	5 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$12 95

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$12 95	
Cash paid Curtis Woods, for 3 journeys and expenses to Hopkinton . . . . .	2 25	
1 journey and expense to Cambridge . . . . .	3 50	
Jos. Burnett, for services as overseer . . . . .	20 00	
Curtis Woods, for services as overseer . . . . .	20 00	
N. Newton, for services as overseer . . . . .	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$83 70
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		\$1,330 19
Amount paid for support of poor and drawn from Town Treasurer . . . . .	\$1,246 12	
now due the overseers, . . . . .	84 07	
	<hr/>	\$1,330 19

We have collected the following sums of money, and paid same to Town Treasurer, viz:—

Of the town of Dudley towards support of Edwin Brackett and family . . . . .	\$21 90
Of John Welch, towards his support . . . . .	20 00

Bills due the town for support of paupers, as follows, viz.:—

Of the town of Dudley, bal. for support of E. Brackett and family . . . . .	77 34	
Of the city of Worcester, for R. White and family . . . . .	40 63	
	<hr/>	159 87
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		\$1,170 32

Amount of Personal Property belonging to town in hands of N. Newton:—

March 1, 1873, as appraised by overseers . . . . .	\$85 50	
Value of same, March 1, 1874 . . . . .	50 00	
	<hr/>	35 50
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Actual cost for supporting Poor for the year		\$1,205 82

We have also collected of the town of Dudley for support of E. Brackett, previous to March 1, 1873, the sum of twelve dollars, and have paid same to Town Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JOSEPH BURNETT,  
CURTIS WOODS,  
NAHUM NEWTON,

*Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Southborough*

We certify the above statement to be correct.

JOSEPH S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT,  
W. P. WILLSON,

*Auditing Committee.*

#### CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Paid W. B. Claffin, maple trees . . . .	\$28 50
Henry Newton, labor . . . .	75 15
H. Heenan, " . . . .	2 50
P. McDonough, " . . . .	18 75
John Maley, " . . . .	18 75
John Donahue, " . . . .	17 25
John Maley, 127 hours . . . .	25 40
James Maley, labor . . . .	52 35
F. A. Winchester . . . .	163 70
P. McDonough . . . .	19 80
	<hr/> \$422 15

We certify the above statement to be correct.

JOSEPH S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT,  
W. P. WILLSON,

*Auditing Committee.*

COMMITTEE OF MEMORIAL DAY *in account with* TOWN OF  
SOUTHBOROUGH.

CR.

By cash rec'd Town Treasurer . . . . .	\$97 28
Meat sold . . . . .	3 00
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	\$100 28

DR.

To cash paid bouquet holders . . . . .	\$20 00
flags . . . . .	2 67
S. Clark . . . . .	8 40
G. A. R., transportation . . . . .	10 50
printing . . . . .	4 75
L. W. Newton . . . . .	5 52
music . . . . .	35 00
A. Jones & Son . . . . .	7 04
G. A. Marden . . . . .	50
S. C. Fay . . . . .	90
H. E. Barney . . . . .	1 00
E. Burnett . . . . .	4 00
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	\$100 28

(Signed)

W. H. BUCK,  
F. W. HAYDEN,  
C. J. HOOPER,

*Memorial Committee.*

We certify the above statement to be correct.

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT,  
W. P. WILLSON,

*Auditing Committee.*



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Jonas Fay, services	. . . . .	\$52 00	
H. Wilson	" . . . . .	52 00	
R. Goddard	" . . . . .	62 00	
		<hr/>	\$166 00

## FAY LIBRARY.

Paid Mrs. H. F. Webster, services librarian	. . . . .	\$75 00	
Catalogue books	. . . . .	2 00	
		<hr/>	\$77 00

## COLLECTOR AND TREASURER.

Paid F. Este, services as collector	. . . . .	\$200 00	
Treasurer	. . . . .	75 00	
Scaler weights and measures	. . . . .	20 00	
Express and postage	. . . . .	3 00	
Travelling expenses	. . . . .	15 00	
		<hr/>	\$313 00

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Paid Curtis Newton, services	. . . . .	\$50 00	
W. H. Buck	" . . . . .	50 00	
James Burnett	" . . . . .	50 00	
		<hr/>	\$150 00

## SELECTMEN.

Paid W. H. Buck, services	. . . . .	\$78 00	
C. J. Hooper	" . . . . .	40 00	
F. W. Hayden	" . . . . .	52 00	
		<hr/>	\$170 00

We certify the above statement to be correct.

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT,  
W. P. WILLSON,

*Auditing Committee.*

## AUDITORS' EXPENSES FOR- 1872-3.

Paid for making town reports . . . .	\$24 00	
J. G. Howe, stamps for reports . . . .	3 00	
Rockwell & Churchill . . . . .	117 00	
	<hr/>	\$144 00

We certify the above statement to be correct.\*

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT,  
W. P. WILLSON,

*Auditing Committee.*

## CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid J. S. Fay, Jr., sundries furnished J.	
Nelson . . . . .	\$27 50
Legal advice on Peters High School .	11 00
M. J. Mandell, bill Fire Extinguisher, etc. . . . .	53 75
B. H. Fay, stone trough . . . . .	60 00
L. W. Newton, bill blankets, etc. . .	6 12
Dexter Newton, land damage road .	82 00
"       "       surveying road . .	18 00
"       "       preparing State aid pa- pers . . . . .	1 50
Dexter Newton, time and expense pre- paring same . . . . .	3 50
F. Este, recording birth, etc. . . .	37 60
H. F. Webster, iron, labor for tomb .	10 50
J. J. Walworth & Co., material for Town Hall . . . . .	230 84
Curtis Hyde, bill on Town Hall . .	28 49
Henry Newton, ringing bells, etc. .	9 50
A. B. Adams, bill, order book . . .	5 50
Quincy Mutual Ins. Co., policy 76,403	40 50
D. H. Thompson, work on guide-boards	15 42
Wm. Muchmore, mowing Common . .	1 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$624 72

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$624 72
Farquher & Son, bill, material for Town	
Hall . . . . .	12 15
Bradley & Brigham, bill . . . . .	12 50
J. J. Walworth, bill, material for Town	
Hall . . . . .	6 43
S. W. Newton, mirrors, etc., for Town	
Hall . . . . .	10 71
Curtis Hyde, 338 hours as Janitor of	
Town Hall, . . . . .	101 40
Walworth, material for Town Hall, . . . . .	23 37
Freight . . . . .	1 39
D. Collins, cutting wood . . . . .	2 25
F. Este, carting wood . . . . .	1 00
L. W. Newton, coal, etc. . . . .	10 75
 Total to Feb'y 28, 1874, . . . . .	 \$824 67

We certify the above statement to be correct.

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,	} <i>Auditing Com.</i>
I. LOWELL PRATT,	
W. P. WILLSON,	

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

The Road Commissioners for the year ending February, 1874, respectfully submit their second Annual Report.

We engaged Mr. Warren Parmenter, and commenced work, in April, upon the road leading from Sullivan T. Ball's, to Fayville. Here were applied about eight hundred loads of gravel, making a good, substantial road. A large amount of the appropriation the past year has been expended upon the old and worn-out roads in different sections of the town. On the road leading from West-boro' to Marlboro', by the house of Francis Fisher, we have put on upwards of four hundred loads of good gravel, besides clearing ditches, and removing many large stones that were dangerous to the public travel. The road leading by F. W. Hayden's to Marl-

boro', the road leading by William Collins' to Westboro', the road between S. N. Thomson's and C. S. Williams' mill; the road in the east part of the town leading from the old county road to S. G. Hosmer's, the road from Richardson Goddard's, past the house of George W. Goodnow, the hill near the house of Joseph S. Fay, Jr., and that portion of the turnpike between Fayville and Framingham, have all received heavy, lasting repairs.

Aside from these, there have been done jobs of minor importance, having in all used in different parts of the town about four thousand loads of gravel, besides large quantities of mixed gravel and loam from the gutters and shoulders of the road. In Cordaville there have been applied about two hundred and twenty-five loads of gravel. In Southville about sixty, all that the town owned in that vicinity. It was our intention to have done more there, but the snow came in November, and prevented. Consequently there is a small amount of the town grant in the treasury.

Your Commissioners, in behalf of the town, desire to make suitable acknowledgment to Messrs. Merriam & Willson for the donation of about one hundred and thirty loads of gravel. Also to George W. Goodnow for thirty loads. We have during the past year expended one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two  $\frac{71}{100}$  dollars (\$1,972.71), as given to your auditors in detail, leaving in the treasury twenty-seven dollars  $\frac{39}{100}$  (\$27.39), and in the hands of the Commissioners thirty dollars (\$30), received of Warren Parmenter for use of horses and carts upon new road in Fayville, making fifty-seven dollars  $\frac{39}{100}$  (\$57.39) unexpended.

As a committee chosen by the town, your commissioners contracted with Warren Parmenter to build the road in Fayville, for which they paid him two hundred and forty dollars. Paid James Maley two dollars for digging trench for culvert, making whole cost of road two hundred and forty-two dollars.

We have paid for the repair of bridges and railings eighty-nine dollars  $\frac{37}{100}$ , for repairs guide-boards, fifteen dollars  $\frac{42}{100}$ . Amount of snow-bills four hundred eighty-five dollars  $\frac{76}{100}$ .

On petition of Allen D. Howe and thirty others, legal voters of the town of Southboro', the commissioners have laid out and located a town road commencing near the Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg Railroad, as the terminus of the road recently built in Fay-

ville, and running southerly to the road known as the Boston & Worcester Turnpike, and their report of the same has been accepted by the town.

In consideration of the many calls from persons in various parts of the town for more work done upon the highways, and the importance of thorough, lasting repairs, we would recommend an appropriation of at least twenty-five hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,) W. H. BUCK,  
JOSEPH BURNETT,  
CURTIS NEWTON,

*Road Commissioners.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, February 28, 1874.

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE *in Account with the* TOWN OF  
SOUTHBOROUGH, *from* March 4, 1873, *to* Feb. 28, 1874.

Dr.

To cash received rent of hall	.	.	.	\$181	75	
wood on hand	.	.	.	.	14	00
gasoline "	.	.	.	.	20	00
						<u>\$215 75</u>

Cr.

By wood and gasoline	.	.	.	\$109	76	
cash paid C. Hyde, care hall	.	.	.	101	40	
						<u>\$211 16</u>

Receipts over expenses	.	.	.			<u>\$4 59</u>
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Respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) CURTIS HYDE,  
H. F. WEBSTER,  
A. G. HOWE.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE FAY LIBRARY.

March 2, 1874.

To the inhabitants of the town of Southboro, the trustees of the Fay Library make the following Report.

In consequence of the death of our former faithful and efficient Librarian, Capt. Heman Este, it became one of the first duties of the Board of Trustees to employ a new Librarian. We were very fortunate, however, in being able to contract with Mrs. H. F. Webster to take upon herself the responsible duties of that office. It affords us much gratification to know that she has made herself *very popular* among the patrons of the Library, by the pleasing, prompt, energetic and faithful manner in which she has performed those duties.

By her report we learn that the number of volumes belonging to the Library is . . . . . 3,199

This is an increase of the number of volumes in Library,

March 1, 1873, of . . . . . 111

Whole number of books delivered last year . . . . . 6,589

Which is an increase over the number delivered the previ-

ous year . . . . . 714

Average number of volumes delivered weekly . . . . . 131

Largest " delivered any one week . . . . . 197

" " " to one family . . . . . 188

The amount of fines collected is \$26.36.

All the books have been returned with one exception.

All of which is respectfully submitted, for and in behalf of trustees.

(Signed,)

DEXTER NEWTON,

*Secretary.*

## ADDITIONAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

In consequence of the postponement of the time of holding the annual Town Meeting, the trustees have contracted with Mrs. Webster to continue her services as Librarian until the time for holding said Town Meeting.

(Signed,)

DEXTER NEWTON,

*Secretary.*

## REPORT OF TREASURER TO FAY LIBRARY.

JOSEPH BURNETT, *in account with* FAY LIBRARY *as* Treasurer.

1873.	Dr.		
March 2.	To balance in treasury	\$1,630	79
	cash of F. Este, town treas'r	100	00
	“ “ dog money	98	36
	“ librarian fines	26	36
1874.			
March.	To balance in treasury	\$1,603	37
			\$1,855 51
1874.	Cr.		
By cash paid Lee & Shepard		\$123	45
“ “ “		106	74
“ “ “ J. Burnett, books and paper			
per bill		21	95
Balance to new account		1,603	37
			\$1,855 51

JOSEPH BURNETT,  
*Treasurer.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 3, 1874.

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1874.

SELECTMEN *in Account with the* TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, 1873-74.

Dr.

To cash received for liquor	\$59	37
“ “ “ gravel	4	00
“ “ “ P. Hefron, for grass on Winchester land	15	00
		\$78 37

1874.	Cr.	
By cash paid Town Treasurer		\$78 37

(Signed,)

W. H. BUCK,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
F. W. HAYDEN,	
C. J. HOOPER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Southborough.</i>

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Rate of taxation, \$13.50 on the thousand.

Number of polls . . . . .	480
Value of personal property . . . . .	\$361,875 00
"    " real estate . . . . .	1,036,525 00
Total valuation May 1, 1873 . . . . .	<u>\$1,398,400 00</u>
State tax . . . . .	\$2,227 50
County tax . . . . .	1,626 86
Town grant . . . . .	\$14,000 00
Highway tax . . . . .	2,000 00
Overlayings . . . . .	245 49
	<u>\$16,245 49</u>
Total tax . . . . .	<u>\$20,099 85</u>
Number of houses . . . . .	376½
"    " horses . . . . .	280
"    " cows . . . . .	760
"    " sheep . . . . .	3
"    " acres of land taxed . . . . .	9,528
"    " children between 5 and 15 years . . . . .	381

JAMES WILLIAMS,	} Assessors of Southboro'.
JONAS FAY,	
SAMUEL TAFT,	

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

At the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1873, the town appropriated three hundred dollars for improvements at the Cemetery. We have expended of that sum only one hundred twenty-six and  $\frac{5}{100}$  dollars, which has been expended mostly in setting out trees, and in repairing the various avenues.

At the November meeting, your committee were instructed to build a wall or fence on the southerly side of the new Cemetery,

at their discretion. We decided that a wall would be the most suitable, and proceeded at once upon the work, which, we regret to say, is in an unfinished state. We were of the opinion that it would be better to straighten and change the line a few feet; so your committee have made an arrangement with Peter Fay, Esq., accordingly, and the wall is being built upon the new line, which we find to be about forty-seven rods in length. We have, up to this date, expended on the wall, three hundred and sixteen dollars. We are building a heavy wall, not so much for beauty as for durability. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. BUCK,  
FRANKLIN ESTE,  
F. A. WINCHESTER, } *Cemetery*  
                                      } *Committee.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 2, 1874.

## LIST OF JURORS.

We hereby propose and recommend the following-named persons as being well qualified to serve as Jurors : —

A. F. Johnson,  
 Jos. I. Marshall,  
 James Williams,  
 Jos. S. Fay, Jr.,  
 Jonas Fay,  
 Wm. Collins,  
 Benj. F. Prentiss,  
 John W. Hammond,  
 Chas. H. Miller,  
 G. C. Harlow,  
 A. E. Bacon,  
 C. J. Hooper,  
 F. E. Day,  
 Curtis Woods,  
 Sylvester Fay,  
 D. W. Mitchell,  
 John F. Pearl,  
 Benj. Davis,

Hubbard Willson,  
 Nathan Works,  
 E. A. Chamberlain,  
 Sullivan S. Pike,  
 Geo. F. Barney,  
 D. W. C. McMaster,  
 Wm. P. Willson,  
 F. A. Winchester,  
 Chas. N. Brewer,  
 Francis D. Newton,  
 Henry H. Newton,  
 Sullivan F. Onthank,  
 D. Clinton Nichols,  
 Edwin A. Buck,  
 Joseph Lowell,  
 O. L. Gridley,  
 L. C. Newton.

WM. H. BUCK,  
 F. W. HAYDEN,  
 C. J. HOOPER,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1874.



## DEATHS.

Date of Death.	NAMES.	Years.	Months.	Days.
January 2	Spaulding Harvey . . .	78	4	
" 28	Henry Austin McMaster . . .		5	17
" 28	Luzina J. Newhall . . .	39	11	22
Feb'y 11	Heman Esti . . .	72	10	19
March 2	Mary Cornelia Jones . . .	31		
" 4	Anna E. Newton . . .	28		
" 4	Harry L. Tyler . . .	7	6	2
" 6	Wellington M. Tyler . . .	48	9	5
" 25	Harriet A. Winchester . . .	31	11	
" 25	Anson H. Parker . . .	26	6	21
" 25	Moses Emery . . .	62	9	10
April 4	Charlie G. Underwood . . .	7	11	15
" 8	Jerusha Fay . . .	96	1	19
" 27	Herman C. Stone . . .	25	9	8
May 28	William Stanley Griffith . . .	4	6	5
" 31	Clarence I. Jennison . . .	18	8	23
June 9	Sally Brewer . . .	77		
" 9	Freddie M. Kaler . . .	4	10	15
July 2	Adams Butler . . .	83	1	17
" 13	Margaret Riley . . .	32		
" 24	Martha O'Brien . . .	18		21
" 29	Ida Bell Elmer . . .		6	3
August 5	Agnes Trelligan . . .		3	18
" 6	Lola Laporte . . .		3	
" 8	Herbert J. Winchester . . .			24
" 30	Mary Louisa Fournier . . .			18
" 24	Flora L. Remley . . .	21	1	10
" 30	Arthur W. Martin . . .			10
Sept. 3	Francis L. Hodges . . .	16	6	6
" 9	Ellen Murphy . . .		2	23
" 10	George Herbert Hunt . . .	1	3	15
" 30	Charles A. McFarland . . .	18	6	4
Oct. 13	Charles B. Capen . . .	28	6	18
" 24	Mary F. Newton . . .	27		
" 27	Laura A. Parmenter . . .	47	10	
Nov. 17	Otis L. Brigham . . .	29	10	15
October 6	Mary Fay . . .	81	2	16

FRANKLIN ESTE,  
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF SOUTHBOROUGH,  
FOR THE YEAR 1873-74.

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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FELLOW-CITIZENS :—

Before entering into any statement whatever, in regard to the condition of the various schools in town, it is proper, first, to acknowledge an All-wise Providence that has watched over, and guarded our schools, not only from all epidemics, but the fear thereof; and has kindly vouchsafed to each and all a sufficient measure of health and strength to enable both teachers and pupils to continue their labors, with one exception, throughout the school-year.

To our knowledge, one death only has occurred in all of our schools during the past year.

"The great business of life," says Antonius, "is to improve our minds and govern our manners." \*

This broad and general truth, couched in few words, is so self-evident, that every one is ready, upon its bare enunciation, to yield it prompt assent; but unfortunately all are not equally ready to allow it to sink so deeply into their minds as to become an ever-present motive to continued personal exertion.

This cardinal truth, then, admitted, it assuredly follows in the line of duty that we should forthwith set ourselves about this life-work, and press steadfastly on, remembering that that energy that exhausts itself in a day is good for nothing.

It was Gibbon who said that "every man who rises above

\* Humanly speaking.

the common level has received two educations; the first from his teachers; the second, more personal and more important, from *himself*." At an early period in our school days, the one should be auxiliary to the other. They are more potent together than apart. Difficulties that would have proved insurmountable sometimes vanish when we are conscious that one is standing at our elbow who can solve all our doubts. We need more *self-help* in the school-room.

Complaint is sometimes made to us that this or that teacher is partial. Oftentimes, on the part of the child, this is a mere fiction of the brain, invented to impose upon the parent, and so escape from school. This complaint is usually vehement and clamorous in exact ratio to the backwardness of the scholar. Now may it not be true that the scholar is more partial than the teacher? Have they not already informed everybody that they "don't like the teacher as well as they did the other one"? That they really "hate her"? But they told the same story when the former teacher was here. Parents many times join in this ruinous clamor, and condemn the teacher without a hearing. Now suppose the teachers to be just one-half as demonstrative in the expression of their individual preferences, what then? "It's a *poor* rule that won't work both ways." Are the teachers human or divine that they *must* hold their peace, while parents give to their tongues loose rein? "But they will not show the children in their studies." Matters now begin to look serious. The objection in and of itself is a good one. But is it *true*? We have had occasion to investigate, more than once, cases like the foregoing, and the result has been, with but few exceptions, an exoneration of the teacher, and a reflection upon the pupil. Now let that scholar who claims to have been defrauded in this regard look to his deportment; let him lay aside that spirit of insubordination; let him become orderly, respectful, and courteous, and his complaints will soon die a speedy death. From our own

observation and experience, we are prepared to affirm, that teachers are not only ready, but anxious, to help the children in every legitimate way. But in order that this assistance may be brought to them betimes, it is of prime importance that they daily meet with the teacher, and remain in their presence during the brief time allotted to school work, unless equal provision is made in some other quarter, or sickness intervenes. We pay so many dollars annually as school tax. It is an investment for the children. They have the sole right to the dividend. If they fail to demand this at the proper time and place, it is lost to them forever. The school-room is the bank of discount where all these drafts are duly honored.

Pursuing, then, the regular plan above suggested, the progress of the pupil will be steady and methodical, and a good foundation laid. An opposite course will be fruitful in uncertainties only, always vexatious and always mischievous. Moreover, by the regular plan, good, sound, studious habits will be formed, such as will prove not only valuable for the present, but afterwards, when the last "vacation has come."

What is necessary, then, is to bring our youth to a proper appreciation of school-going, and a determination to avail themselves of every opportunity for improvement, whether in the school-room or elsewhere.

We have sought earnestly, as heretofore, during the past year to compass this result. We have urged them so to improve their time, that when school was over they could not be constrained to join in the lamentation of Titus, "I have lost a day;" but in that other and better exclamation, "I have done what I could." As if by special design, biography presents them with many bright and cheering examples, many of which they may imitate with safety. Parents who are interested in the education of their children would do well to search out such instances as are adapted to this end, and present them with sundry encouragements to emulation as

they deem prudent and salutary. To do nothing in this direction, in other words, to manifest no interest whatever in the progress or success of the children, is to pull up by the roots every motive to improvement; and unless teachers are unusually diligent and watchful this class will waste their time in the school-room, accomplish comparatively nothing, and at last come forth a disgrace to themselves, to their parents, and, we had almost said, to civilization itself. If those who have "no time" would only *take time* to superintend the education of their own children, and note their progress from day to day, they would make some new and important discoveries. This and that one might prove apt, but the majority they might find incorrigibly dull, and we greatly fear that they would be speedily only too ready to give over the undertaking in despair. But the experiment would be profitable in this direction. The necessity of laying in a large stock of patience with, and sympathy for, the teachers would be clearly seen and appreciated. This would be a decided gain. But if the practice might now be continued, how fortunate would it be for the child! We are aware that there are some mothers in town who have practised this for years, and are still engaged in this good work, and we are happy to say that those children are better scholars generally than their school-mates, who do not enjoy a like privilege. Shall not this number, then, be increased? We said but now, that there was occasion for more self-help. This self-help leads directly to self-reliance. This also is a much-needed quality. Teachers, like books, are aids only; or we might say that they are directors appointed to show *what* to do and *how* to do it.

When the pupils understand this a little, then should they begin to help themselves. Our advice to those beyond the rudiments, and who are somewhat mature, is — never allow the teacher to assist when you can perform the task yourself. It is better for the live scholar that the teacher should aid

too little than too much. There is sound philosophy in the remark of the poor washer-woman, "The more trouble the more lion, — that's my principle."

Complaints of the expense of our High School are not yet obsolete. We suspect in some instances the expense is placed ostensibly in the foreground, for concealment, while the shaft is levelled point-blank at the institution itself. Others, less wary, make a bolder assault by seeking directly to convince us that the institution is uncalled for and superfluous. They point us to their own early means of education, and because they have made such limited opportunities suffice, they reason that such, or our common schools, must be ample for the youth of to-day. Two important facts are overlooked: (1.) No one who has received but a common-school education will honestly affirm either that his opportunities or that his improvement of those opportunities have been where they should have been. (2.) Times have changed. "New times *demand* new measures." As years roll on, and educational facilities multiply, the education of the masses must or should increase. There needs no antiquarian to tell us that what sufficed formerly is by no means adequate now. For to acquire only what our fathers acquired is to bring the world exactly to a standstill. Now the committee hold that the more we educate our children, other things being equal, the better and happier they will be, — the better citizens they will make, — and the better we shall discharge our obligations to them and the community at large. Unless, then, some one shall demonstrate to us the contrary, we shall cling to our High School; and we feel assured that our hands will be strengthened by the combined intelligence of this community.

We observe here, that we have done what we could in the matter of reducing the large number of classes to their minimum. But the time allotted to each still remains somewhat limited. Amends have been sought for this in the employ-

ment of an able assistant. This experiment has proved highly satisfactory, not only to the Committee, but to parents and scholars without exception. The pecuniary expense has been but a trifle compared with the value of the service rendered.

At the commencement of the fall term we were strongly urged by some of the patrons of this school to employ a French teacher. At length, with some misgivings, a teacher was employed for one term. At the close of the term, for sundry reasons, the engagement was not renewed.

The time will soon come when it will be found expedient to raise the standard for admission to the Peters High School. When that time arrives it is hoped that parents, one and all, will stand in solid phalanx by the Committee, and allow no clamor to be raised because the school may not, for a little season, rank so high in point of numbers as may seem desirable for a High School. The result aimed at should warrant the means.

We come now to speak of our schools as a whole, of which, presently, more in detail.

We are happy to report to the town that our teachers, each and all, have been laboring with great earnestness of purpose to secure the best results in their several schools. They have aimed at the intellectual, moral and physical development of their pupils. Mere intellectuality alone is not sufficient; the moral nature should receive due culture as well.

Proper attention has been paid to "good manners."

In like manner also, have they kept "watch and ward" over the speech of the children, and a better English is already heard in the school-room. This work does not begin and end in a day; it is, and ever will be, in order here. To be more particular, we observe further that the teachers, perhaps without exception, have given careful instruction in reading, spelling and writing. Good readers still remain a

great scarcity in the market. Our teachers have been endeavoring to supply this desideratum; but no danger, at present, is apprehended of becoming overstocked. However, the scholars have been thoroughly drilled in their reading exercises, insomuch that they have been obliged to abandon their rapid and uncertain articulation, and adopt one instead more deliberate and distinct. The pupils begin to regard with becoming deference the points of punctuation. Here is a stride in the right direction.

Spelling, also, has been a leading exercise, and a good degree of precision has been witnessed in the spelling classes.

Writing, too, has been well taught; in some instances more carefully than ever before. Some teachers have endeavored to classify their schools, so that each member of the class may write not only the same copy, but the same word, even to the letter. The rule is for the pens to move collectively and simultaneously. This prevents hurry and careless writing. This plan, it is understood, has been adopted in many of the schools in the State, and is now considered the true system. It may be proper to remark that in the school to which allusion was just made the system was not adopted in all its details, but partially only. A prize was also offered. The result was that the writing-books were neater, and showed greater proficiency than any we have seen in town. Whether the system itself, or the prize alone, was the proximate cause, we do not say. The teachers have, during the past year, carefully preserved all writing-books used, and presented them to the Committee and friends for inspection, and a goodly number has been exhibited in all the schools save one. Before leaving this topic, we want to say to parents, that it is just as important that the scholars should have the proper writing-book, as that they should be furnished with a suitable reader, grammar or geography. The presumption is not, because they have written through one number of the series, therefore they are prepared for the

next higher. The progress made will alone determine this. If you have any difficulty in solving this question yourself, advise with the teacher, and we guarantee the right number will be purchased.

We have been gratified with the merit of the exercises in mental arithmetic. Perhaps too much prominence cannot be given to mental arithmetic in our schools. Certainly, in the Grammar and in all our Ward schools it should receive a large measure of attention; and if in our High School a few minutes could be snatched, daily, for a general exercise, in which the whole school might join, it could not fail to operate very beneficially.

In concluding this hasty enumeration of some of the leading evidences of improvement, with a few suggestions interspersed, we have thought that perhaps it may be permitted to those who have the supervision of our institutions of learning, directly or indirectly (and certainly it affords so much consolation that it ought not in charity to be withheld), that all that is accomplished is not seen lying patent upon the surface, — that a part of the work, at least, lies quietly concealed until some emergency has evoked those slumbering powers that have been long silently but gradually maturing. Who dreamed, or what prophet ever foretold that U. S. Grant was the man to whom all eyes would one day be turned? But General Grant had been quietly developing in stature, until occasion arose for the display of those high and brilliant qualities necessary for the preservation of American nationality.

#### WARD NO. 1. (CENTRE.)

Miss Mary A. Gill, of Worcester, who has taught several difficult schools in this Commonwealth, was employed. Her labors here were continued very successfully during the spring and fall terms, when she tendered her resignation. It was

ascertained upon inquiry outside that we had in hand *another* case of "previous engagement." We take this opportunity to say, once for all, that we do *not* affect any predilection for "Hobson's choice."

Miss Mary A. Browne, a young lady of whom we had no previous knowledge, but who came to us highly recommended, supplied this vacancy. We believe that Miss Browne entered upon her labors with an earnest desire and a determination to perform her whole duty. Perhaps we ought just here to remark that this is *not* the easiest school in town. If Miss Browne fell into any mistake, it doubtless resulted from an over-anxiety to please the children, and the parents through them. This naturally led to some laxness in discipline. When scholars have been allowed to cross certain barriers, it is morally impossible for a teacher wholly to recover her ground.

Notwithstanding this mistake, we affirm that Miss Brown has many sterling qualities. We believe that she possesses the elements of a good teacher which experience will develop and bring into the foreground.

But the parents were not without fault. Too many allowed their children to get excused from school almost, if not quite every day, and this, not near the close of the respective sessions, after their recitations had been heard, but before the expiration of the first half. On a certain afternoon the teacher barely escaped being left alone within the walls of the school-room. But justice compels us to say that several lads, and one only among the misses, had neither been absent or tardy during the term.

#### WARD NO. 2. (EAST.)

Miss Mary S. Whippey, who had discharged her duties here in such a manner as to merit and receive, not the approbation of the committee only, but that of the entire ward,

returned, and the school was opened with every prospect of a successful issue; but, at the expiration of two weeks, a wider field being opened, yielding better pecuniary results, the Committee, according to agreement, could interpose no objection, and the school was closed. After an interim of one week, the school was reopened, with Miss Annie A. Joy, teacher. Miss Joy is a graduate of the Nantucket High School, like her predecessor. It was matter of surprise to see how quickly Miss Joy appeared perfectly at home in the school-room. The pupils were not a little astonished to find her, at once, perfect mistress of the "situation." Aside from performing her duties in the school-room in the best manner, she voluntarily took it upon herself to overlook the children during the intermissions; and every disturbance likely to arise has been carefully nipped in the bud. But Miss Joy has laid no restraints upon her pupils but such as were salutary, while she has labored almost beyond her strength to secure the best results. We regret that her labors are likely to terminate here.

### WARD NO. 3. (FAYVILLE.)

Miss I. S. Tyler, who had taught so efficiently the Upper Department in Southville for a number of years, was retained. At the close of the fall term, she renewed her request to be assigned, if possible, to some school nearer her home. The teacher in Ward 4 having resigned, this school was offered to Miss Tyler and accepted. We continue steadfast in the belief that Miss Tyler is one of our most faithful teachers. She will never tolerate half-way work; the lesson must be thoroughly mastered else the command "Forward" will not be issued. It needs only to be said further, that she here sustained her former reputation.

For the winter term we were fortunate, as the sequel abundantly proved, in securing Mrs. J. H. Priest, recently of

New York city. She came to us with a large experience, having taught ten years in one of the city schools. Although her school was quite large, numbering at one time upwards of threescore, yet she proved equal to every emergency. She has not spared herself, but has brought all her energies to bear upon her school work. Not a moment has been lost, but in season and out of season has she labored for those committed to her charge. Mrs. Priest loves her pupils, and by them all in return is beloved, and she can lead them whithersoever she will. We have always found the school in perfect order, and all as busy as a colony of beavers.

Mrs. Priest possesses that rare and happy combination of qualities that especially fit her for this work. We believe that her efforts are fully appreciated here, and that the parents are anxious, with the Committee, that she may for a long time continue her labors in this school.

#### WARD NO. 4. (CORDAVILLE.)

Miss A. S. Carlton, who had charge of this school the previous year, was re-employed. Miss Carlton's experience as a teacher stretches over a large period. To her many years of service in the common schools in this State, she has added quite a number in the schools of Connecticut. She has also been repeatedly employed as teacher in the State Reform School at Westborough.

This school has therefore enjoyed, in full measure, the fruits of this large and varied experience. At the close of the fall term, Miss Carlton had the good fortune to be appointed to fill a vacancy in one of the schools in the City of Springfield. She thereupon presented her resignation, couched in such terms that no opening was left for a successful remonstrance.

At the opening of the winter term Miss Tyler entered at once upon her labors here, with her usual enthusiasm.

So often have we had occasion to commend this teacher for untiring zeal and devotion to her work, that we shall not now attempt additional comment. Suffice it to say that the examination was without fault.

The best interests of the school most assuredly demand her return.

#### WARD NO. 5. (FLAGG.)

Miss Helen Barnard continued in charge during the spring term, with her usual success. Owing to failing health her position was resigned.

We immediately secured Miss L. M. Chamberlain, who had previously taught in this ward with marked success. Miss C. is "among the faithful found." She labors earnestly and perseveringly. Her desire is to meet every real, and we may almost say, every imaginary duty. No one could do more than Miss C. has done for this school. The Committee are confident that the parents here appreciate this teacher, and we can but hope that many terms may be added to her labors in this ward.

#### WARD NO. 6. (WEST.)

Miss Ella L. Brown kindly consented to a renewal of her engagement here. It is always desirable to retain a successful teacher as long as possible, especially when they have become familiar with the wants of the children, and have given evidence of their ability to meet those wants. But we could not prevail on Miss B. to remain during the winter term. Miss Lucy Fisher, formerly a member of the Peters High School, who there stood in the first rank in point of scholarship, supplied this vacancy. There are objections sometimes, in employing teachers, especially those who are without experience, in their own ward. "A prophet is not without honor, etc." Miss Fisher has cleared these objections at a bound. Already

has she given evidence that her calling has not been mistaken. She possesses remarkable executive ability and is determined that her scholars shall "go ahead." We consider her a teacher of great promise.

#### WARD No. 7. U. D. (SOUTHVILLE.)

Miss C. B. Grow, who for nearly eight years has been employed in this service in town, continued to labor here during the spring and fall terms. We can go back in our recollection and recall her first experience in another school. The result might then have been foretold. There was then the same enthusiasm, the same yearning desire to excel in her avocation. We may truly assert that Miss Grow is now a first-class teacher. We congratulate the parents in Wards five and seven, that her labors here have been continued so long.

Miss Ella L. Brown was at once employed. Miss Brown is not without experience, having taught very successfully four consecutive terms, in another ward.

Miss B. is striving hard to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Grow. If we can augur anything from our several visits, during the term, and at its close, it is this, that ere long this teacher, so earnest and painstaking, must and will succeed. We trust Miss B. will return to this school at the opening of the present school year.

#### LOWER DEPARTMENTS.

Miss E. K. Grow has now completed her second year in this school. She possesses the necessary qualifications for this work, and we may also add for this school. Although the children are quite small, yet she succeeds admirably in furnishing the little ones with due employment. It only remains to

say that good progress has been made, and that the return of the teacher to this field of labor is desired.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss H. E. Sibley, of Springfield, a graduate of one of our Normal Schools, has remained in charge throughout the school year. Miss Sibley is a thorough worker; no drones are tolerated in her presence; she assigns to each their task, and insists upon its accomplishment; she believes that there is no "royal road" outside of thorough personal application.

Her system is normal throughout, and yet it is matter of surprise, to see the youth here explain and illustrate the more difficult rules in arithmetic, and handle problems in algebra with the greatest ease and propriety. Nor is this facility confined to mathematics; they are equally ready in the other branches. This serves as an index pointing to exact training. This school has enjoyed rare opportunities the past year. In accepting a school in the vicinity of her home, Miss Sibley, to our sincere regret, has dissolved her connection with this school. We shall all desire for her much success in her new field of labor.

#### PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

B. F. PARSONS, A. M. Principal.

MRS. L. F. PARSONS, Assistant.

As already intimated in a former report, a regular course of study has been adopted for this school. The best course possible is not too good for the youth of this town. If it be possible, we do hope that parents will see to it that when the lad or miss enters this school, it shall be with the express understanding that they must remain and complete the course prescribed. This is at once to sustain the High School, and

to lay it under contribution. It must be apparent to every one that our youth have wants which this school alone in town can meet.

Shall we regard these wants, or ignore them? Let us act wisely in this matter, that our children, when they reach mature age, may approve and not condemn. The principal is a teacher of marked ability. Whatever is undertaken is performed in the best manner. He believes that "whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing *well*." Mr. Parsons aims to encourage self-help as much as possible, because this gives self-reliance. This important life-lesson cannot be too early learned by the members of the Peters High School. They have, further, been taught to aim at what is *solid*, rather than what is ornamental only; to grasp the *substance*, rather than the shadow; moreover, he has sought to impress upon their minds the *value of time*.

We take pleasure in reporting that, from the most careful observation, we may assert with truth and modesty, that at no time since the establishment of the Peters High School have the pupils enjoyed better opportunities, or made more real progress, than has been made during the school-year just closed. For this happy result we are not indebted alone to the teachers and pupils, but to the parents as well. The assistant has ably seconded Mr. Parsons in his arduous labors. Mrs. Parsons is a "host" in herself. For the work of an educator she possesses special adaptations. The quality of the work performed by her cannot be improved. She secures, in an eminent degree, the affectionate regard of all her classes. They work with a better will for the love and respect they bear her.

The large and very unusual attendance of the patrons and friends at the close of the winter term, and the many expressions of satisfaction and good cheer that fell on every hand, cannot fail to operate as a powerful incentive to both teachers and pupils to enter upon the new year with fresh

enthusiasm, and with a resolution more determined that "Whatsoever their hands find to do, they will do with all their might."

The permanent location of this principal and assistant in the Peters High School is profoundly to be wished.

It is enough to say of the French teacher, Prof. P. J. Boris, that he is acknowledged, on all hands, to be the best teacher of this language (it is his mother-tongue) to be found in the Commonwealth.

Having concluded this brief review of our schools, we shall soon put a period to this report.

No one can regret more deeply than the Committee, the large number of changes in our schools that have forced themselves upon us during the past year.

We deprecate frequent changes. Ill effects will unavoidably result from these, however stoutly the Committee may seek to counteract them.

We remark again, that it has been our aim from the very beginning to take care that the school interest received no detriment, that we might commit this trust unimpaired to our successors. How far we have realized our purpose we have not the presumption to say.

But we must not close this report without first returning thanks to the ladies, who have in such numbers (in the line of their duty undoubtedly) visited the various schools in town during their several sessions, and have likewise honored them with their presence at their respective examinations. It is hoped that this year the fathers, when other duties do not press too heavily, will take occasion to look in upon the schools, and note what is there going forward. We guarantee a cordial welcome on the part of the teachers.

R. GODDARD,  
H. WILLSON,  
JONAS FAY,

*School Committee of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1874.

## STATISTICS.

## SPRING TERM.

WARDS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Scholars.	Aver. Attendance.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Length of School in Months.	Wages of Teachers per month including Board.
No. 1. . . .	Mary A. Gill . . . . .	45	33	1	..	2 12-20	\$40
" 2. . . .	Annie A. Joy . . . . .	28	22	..	2	2 10-20	32
" 3. . . .	Isota S. Tyler . . . . .	37	29	..	..	2 15-20	40
" 4. . . .	A. S. Carlton . . . . .	54	50	1	1	2 13-20	40
" 5. . . .	Helen G. Barnard . . . . .	24	21	1	..	2 12-20	32
" 6. . . .	Ella L. Brown . . . . .	14	12	..	..	2 14-20	32
" 7 U. D.	C. B. Grow . . . . .	28	23	..	..	2 13-20	40
" 7 L. D.	E. K. Grow . . . . .	60	48	3	..	2 14-20	36

## FALL TERM.

No. 1. . . .	Mary A. Gill . . . . .	48	39	..	1	2 12-20	\$40
" 2. . . .	Annie A. Joy . . . . .	25	23	1	..	2 13-20	32
" 3. . . .	Isota S. Tyler . . . . .	52	43	..	..	2 15-20	40
" 4. . . .	A. S. Carlton . . . . .	44	39	2	..	2 13-20	40
" 5. . . .	L. A. Chamberlain . . . . .	28	23	..	..	2 13-20	32
" 6. . . .	Ella L. Brown . . . . .	12	11	..	..	2 15-20	32
" 7 U. D.	C. B. Grow . . . . .	38	32	..	..	2 14-20	40
" 7 L. D.	E. K. Grow . . . . .	47	35	2	..	2 13-20	36

## WINTER TERM.

No. 1. . . .	Mary A. Brown . . . . .	45	35	..	..	2 10-20	\$40
" 2. . . .	Annie A. Joy . . . . .	21	20	..	1	2 13-20	32
" 3. . . .	J. H. Priest . . . . .	57	51	1	3	2 16-20	40
" 4. . . .	Isota S. Tyler . . . . .	42	35	..	2	2 17-20	40
" 5. . . .	L. A. Chamberlain . . . . .	28	23	..	1	2 13-20	32
" 6. . . .	Lucie C. Fisher . . . . .	15	11	..	2	2 13-20	32
" 7 U. D.	Ella L. Brown . . . . .	34	28	..	..	2 18-20	36
" 7 L. D.	E. K. Grow . . . . .	39	31	1	..	2 18-20	36

## Terms.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First.	Hattie E. Sibley . . . . .	31	25	..	8	2 13-20	\$60
Second.	" " . . . . .	29	25	..	2	2 18-20	60
Third.	" " . . . . .	45	36	..	13	2 18-20	60

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

First.	B. F. Parsons . . . . .	24	20	..	11	2 18-20	\$144
Second.	" " . . . . .	40	35	..	22	3 2-20	144
Third.	" " . . . . .	44	39	..	20	3 3-20	134

Mrs. L. F. Parsons, Assistant, 21 weeks, at \$8 per week.

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OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,

*For the Financial Year ending Feb. 28, 1875.*



BOSTON:  
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No. 39 ARCH STREET.  
1875.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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*To the Inhabitants of Southborough:—*

We submit the following statements of the receipts and expenditures for the past year, in as detailed and yet concise a form as possible.

We have made a thorough examination of all the bills, vouchers, orders, accounts, and books of the various committees and officers having moneyed transactions with the town, and have found them correctly cast, approved and vouched.

With the exception of the lock-up committee, who have expended their whole appropriation, and have still some bills outstanding, all the committees have kept within the amounts appropriated for their use.

The amount of uncollected taxes is very large, and the Collector has not, as yet, used all the forms required by law to collect the same.

He says, however, that "the times are very hard, ready money scarce, and collections difficult to make."

Your Collector will explain to you at the annual town meeting, sundry abatements of interest on over-due taxes, which, though unauthorized, seem to have been equitable; but in our opinion should be carefully avoided in the future.

Your Treasurer will also make some explanations from his books in regard to his interest account at the annual town meeting.

The insurance on the various town buildings and fixtures has been fully maintained the past year in good offices.

The town, though it did not reduce its debt last year, has built a durable fire-proof lock-up, without an increase in the rate of taxation.

We would suggest the propriety of the various committees returning an inventory, appraised by the assessors, of the town

property in their hands, at the close of each fiscal year, to be published in the annual report.

We cannot but think that the town is paying a high rate of interest on its debt, and that it should be able to borrow it at a lower rate of interest; more particularly the temporary debt.

In order that the matter may be fully discussed, we have caused an article to be inserted in the town warrant, in relation to funding the town debt.

There are several unsettled items in the State Aid accounts with the State Auditor, which should be settled, and the money collected or the account charged off by profit and loss, and closed.

In order that the work may be finally settled, we have caused to be inserted in the town warrant an article in relation to appointing a committee to examine the same.

Though we do not believe in the principle of the office of Collector and Treasurer being vested in one person, we would here emphatically state that we have seen nothing in the accounts of the two offices to warrant a suspicion that the trusts have been violated the past year.

The two accounts have been kept in a very clear and accurate manner, and entirely separate from each other.

We publish a list of the expenses for the ensuing year, as estimated by the various committees and officers, to be acted on at the regular town meeting, in accordance with the warrant. In view of the fact that the times are hard and not likely to improve, we would urge the exercise of close economy, and a careful scrutiny of the estimates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. S. FAY, JR.  
I. LOWELL PRATT, } *Auditors.*  
O. L. GRIDLEY.

March 8, 1875.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY, MARCH 1st, 1875.

On Town House, in Quincy Mutual Insurance Co., Policy Expires February 17, 1878,		\$3,000 00	
Fitchburg " " " " March 1, 1880,		3,000 00	
Royal Ins. Co., of Liverpool, " " March 1, 1880,		2,000 00	
Worcester Mutual Ins. Co., " " March 1, 1878,		2,000 00	
Merchants and Farmers Ins. Co., " " March 1, 1880,		2,000 00	
London Assurance Co., " " November 14, 1877,		3,000 00	
" " " " " "	On Library,	500 00	\$4,300 00
" " " " " "	" Piano,	300 00	
" " " " " "	" Furniture and Gas Fixtures,	500 00	
North American Ins. Co., November 14, 1877,	" Town Hall,	3,000 00	\$4,300 00
" " " " " "	" Library,	500 00	
" " " " " "	" Piano,	300 00	
" " " " " "	" Furniture and Fix- tures,	500 00	\$4,300 00
Grammar School-house, Worcester Mutual Ins. Co., October 1, 1879,		1,500 00	\$20,600 00
" " " " " " " "	Fixtures,	100 00	
Peters High " " " " " December 1, 1879,		1,500 00	1,600 00
" " " Fitchburg " " " December 1, 1879,		1,500 00	1,500 00
District Schools, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Worcester Mutual Ins. Co., March 1, 1880,	\$1,000 each,	6,000 00	1,500 00
" " No. 2, " " " " " "		600 00	6,000 00
			600 00
Whole amount of Insurance,			\$31,800 00
March 8, 1876.	Examined and approved by	JOS. S. FAY, JR., I. L. PRATT, O. L. GRIDLEY,	Auditors.

# REPORT.

*STATEMENT of Town Treasurer, showing the indebtedness of the Town  
February 27, 1875.*

## TOWN ASSETS.

Uncollected Taxes . . . . .	\$2,093 08
Cash in Treasury . . . . .	3,539 04
Amount due from State . . . . .	473 00
	<hr/> \$6,105 12

## TOWN DEBT.

Date of Note.	To whom Payable.	When payable	Amount.
Dec. 18, 1860	Industrial School . . . . .	On demand	\$5,000 00
May 2, 1861	" " . . . . .	" "	7,000 00
Nov. 1, 1863	Fay Library . . . . .	" "	500 00
Sept. 10, 1869	M. K. Johnson . . . . .	" "	1,200 00
" 30, 1869	Worcester Mut. Fire Ins. Co. . . . .	" "	10,000 00
July 1, 1870	W. P. Willson . . . . .	" "	4,000 00
Feb. 1, 1870	Dolly Bond . . . . .	" "	1,000 00
" 4, 1870	Mary P. Clifford . . . . .	" "	750 00
" 21, 1870	Worcester Mut. Fire Ins. Co. . . . .	" "	5,000 00
Apr. 27, 1870	Fay Library . . . . .	" "	1,000 00
Dec. 2, 1872	Ashbel Howe . . . . .	" "	1,000 00
Interest on said notes . . . . .			<hr/> \$36,450 00
			690 00
Deduct assets . . . . .			<hr/> \$37,140 00
			6,105 12
Balance of indebtedness February 27, 1875 . . . . .			<hr/> \$31,034 88
Indebtedness March 2, 1874 . . . . .			\$32,179 86

Examined and approved by

JOS. S. FAY, JR., }  
I. L. PRATT, } *Auditors.*  
O. L. GRIDLEY, }

March 8, 1875.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH *in account with F. ESTE, Collector of*  
*Taxes:—*

Feb. 27, 1875.

By uncollected Taxes as per account, Mar. 1874,—			
Assessed in 1870,	\$17 88		
Less uncollected,	15 58		
			\$2 30
Assessed in 1871,	\$22 28		
Less uncollected,	4 80		
	\$17,48		
Interest collected,	4 06		
			21 54
Assessed in 1872,	\$138 84		
Less uncollected,	63 09		
	\$75 75		
Interest collected,	6 35		
			82 10
Assessed in 1873,	\$1,069 71		
Less uncollected,	\$299 79		
Less abated,	6 75		
		306 54	
	\$763 17		
Interest collected,	38 48		
			801 65
Assessed in 1874,	\$20,445 23		
Less uncollected,	\$1,709 82		
Less abated,	70 22		
		1,780 04	
	\$18,665 19		
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$18,665 19	\$907 59	

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$18,665 19	\$907 59
Interest collected,	68 65	
	<hr/>	18,733 84
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		\$19,641 43
To cash paid Treasurer,		\$19,641 43

F. ESTE, *Collector of Taxes.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 27, 1875.

Examined and approved by

J. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT, } *Auditors.*  
O. L. GRIDLEY,

March 8, 1875.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. F. ESTE, *Town Treasurer*, in account with the TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, from March 2, 1874, to February 27, 1875. CR.

To Balance in Treasury, March 2, 1874,	\$3,382 50	By Cash paid — Selectmen's Orders,	\$4,140 43
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	231 21	“ “ “ School Committee Orders, Approp'n,	5,298 66
“ “ “ State Aid,	653 14	“ “ “ “ “ Incidental,	909 64
“ “ “ National Bank Tax,	944 30	“ “ “ Road Commissioners “ Approp'n,	2,500 00
“ “ “ School Fund,	240 40	“ “ “ “ “ Incidental,	714 43
“ “ “ State Paupers,	71 50	“ “ “ Overseers of Poor “	1,631 06
“ “ of County “ Dog Money,	184 68	“ “ “ Interest on Town Debt,	2,662 96
Borrowed in anticipation of Taxes,	2,000 00	“ “ “ Temporary Loan and Interest,	2,051 51
Received of the Town of Dudley on acct. of Paupers,	200 81	“ “ “ State Tax,	1,980 00
“ “ City of Worcester “ “ “	46 38	“ “ “ County Tax,	1,952 24
“ “ of W. H. Jones, license,	8 00	“ “ “ State Aid,	396 00
“ “ People's Ins. Co., ret. Div. Ins. Policy,	46 74	“ “ “ J. Burnett, Dog Money,	92 34
“ “ for five lots in Cemetery,	16 00	“ “ “ State Treasurer, Bank Tax,	24 45
“ “ sixty-eight loads loam,	13 60	“ “ “ J. Chandler, Tax 1873, abated,	6 41
“ “ of Road Commissioners,	43 48	“ “ in Treasury, February 27, 1875,	3,539 04
“ “ John Welch, refunded on account,	10 00		
“ “ Town Hall Committee, rents,	165 00		
“ “ Collector of Taxes,	19,641 43		
	<u>\$27,899 17</u>		<u>\$27,899 17</u>

SOUTHBOROUGH, February 27, 1875.

F. ESTE, *Treasurer*.

Examined and approved by

March 8, 1875.

JOSEPH S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT, } *Auditors*.  
O. L. GRIDLEY,

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE, SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 27, 1875.

We have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer to the amount of forty-one hundred and forty dollars and  $\frac{43}{100}$  (\$4,140.43); the items of which will be found under the appropriate heads.

### SALARIES.

#### *Assessors.*

Paid James Williams,	\$87 00	
Jonas Fay,	99 00	
Samuel Taft,	55 50	
	<hr/>	\$241 50

#### *Selectmen.*

Paid W. H. Buck,	\$75 00	
F. W. Hayden,	52 00	
C. J. Hooper,	40 00	
	<hr/>	167 00

#### *School Committee.*

Paid A. Bigelow, D. D.,	\$60 00	
Jonas Fay,	60 00	
H. Willson,	50 00	
	<hr/>	170 00

#### *Road Commissioners.*

Paid Joseph Burnett,	\$50 00	
Samuel Taft,	50 00	
Curtis Newton,	50 00	
	<hr/>	150 00

Amount carried forward,	\$728 50
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*Amount brought forward,* \$728 50

*Auditors.*

Paid J. S. Fay, Jr.,	}	1873	\$25 00	
I. Lowell Pratt,			25 00	
W. P. Willson,			25 00	
			75 00	

*Constables.*

Paid Samuel E. Parker (1873, services)	\$37 00	
T. W. Walker,	30 00	
	67 00	

*Collector.*

Paid F. Este,	\$200 00	
	200 00	

*Treasurer.*

Paid F. Este,	\$75 00	
	75 00	

*Town Clerk.*

Paid F. Este, recording births, marriages and deaths,	\$29 50	
	29 50	

*Sealer Weights and Measures.*

Paid F. Este,	\$20 00	
	20 00	

*Fay Library.*

Paid L. M. Chamberlain,	\$60 00	
	60 00	

*Janitor Town House.*

Paid Curtis Hyde,	\$101 70	
	101 70	

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$1,356 70
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*Amount brought forward,*

\$1,356 70

## FAY LIBRARY.

Paid Joseph Burnett, 1873 & '74 bill (laid over),	\$7 00	
Mrs. H. F. Webster (laid over),	6 25	
L. W. Newton (laid over),	17 59	
F. Este, wood and sawing,	3 00	
L. M. Chamberlain, care of fires,	5 00	
L. M. Chamberlain, covering and entering 189 books,	5 00	
	<hr/>	43 84

## LOCK-UP.

Paid Timothy Shea,	\$50 00	
Peter McLaughlin,	43 20	
John Mannix,	38 50	
H. Willson (as per bills),	160 87	
D. Murphy,	33 60	
Timothy Shea,	42 50	
Wm. Libby,	39 71	
H. Willson (as per bills),	99 59	
Framingham Brick Co.,	247 50	
John Blair (in part),	44 53	
	<hr/>	\$800 00

## INCIDENTALS.

Paid S. B. Pratt, printing,	\$2 00	
Joseph Burnett, laws and catalogues,	12 75	
Wm. O'Brien, gravel,	37 50	
Memorial (as per bills),	62 80	
Pratt Bros. (valuation reports),	100 00	
City of Worcester, support of poor,		
1873 (laid over),	75 00	
H. Newton, painting hearse,	25 25	
	<hr/>	315 30

*Amount carried forward,*

\$2,515 84

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$2,515 84
Paid Rockwell & Churchill, printing 1874 reports	153 22	
A. D. & J. A. Parker, making road in Fayville,	258 00	
S. B. Newton, land damages in Fayville,	100 00	
Cemetery Committee (as per bills),	215 05	
L. F. Johnson (as per bills),	60 90	
J. Lowell, support poor, 1873 (laid over),	9 07	
H. Willson, furniture for lock-up,	50 55	
Curtis Newton, land damage,	85 00	
Cemetery Committee,	83 00	
L. F. Johnson, new road at Fayville,	94 20	
H. Newton, ringing bell and recording deaths,	10 25	
Dexter Newton, services surveying, grading, etc.,	21 25	
F. Este, insurance on Town House,	207 50	
“ “ High School,	82 25	
“ “ Grammar “	28 20	
“ check-books and express,	12 85	
“ recording deed,	75	
Stationery, postage, etc.,	3 00	
F. W. Walker, printing, posting and notifying town officers,	13 75	
F. W. Walker, printing and posting town warrants,	9 50	
James Williams, stationery, express, postage, and delivering valuation books,	10 80	
J. S. Fay, Jr., postage and stationery for 1874 town reports,	5 01	
F. Este, express, postage and traveling expenses,	13 00	
	<hr/>	1,527 10
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$4,042 94

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,042 94
Curtis Hyde, expenses Town Hall, as per bills,	97 49
Total,	<hr/> \$4,140 43

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. BUCK.	}	<i>Selectmen.</i>
F. W. HAYDEN,		
B. J. HOOPER,		

Examined and approved by

JOS. S. FAY, Jr.,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
I. LOWELL PRATT,		
O. L. GRIDLEY,		

March 8, 1875.

## SCHOOL EXPENSE REPORT.

### TEACHERS' SALARIES.

#### WARD 1.

Paid A. F. Willson, teaching 11 weeks,	\$110 00	
"          "      11 weeks,	110 00	
"          "      11 weeks,	110 00	
	<hr/>	\$330 00

#### WARD 2.

Paid Sarah A. Williams, teaching 10 w'ks,	\$80 00	
"          "      11 "	88 00	
Agnes W. Greenwood, teaching 6		
weeks,	48 00	
C. B. Grow, teaching 4 weeks,	36 00	
	<hr/>	252 00

#### WARD 3.

Paid Mrs. J. H. Priest, teaching 11 weeks,	\$110 00	
Ada M. Newton, assistant 10 weeks,	50 00	
Mrs. J. H. Priest, teaching 11 weeks,	110 00	
Ada M. Newton, assistant 11 weeks,	55 00	
Mrs. J. H. Priest, teaching 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ w'ks,	106 00	
Ada M. Newton, assistant 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ w'ks,	53 00	
	<hr/>	484 00

#### WARD 4.

Paid I. L. Tyler, teaching, 11 weeks,	\$110 00	
"          "      11 "	110 00	
Ella L. Brown, teaching 11 "	110 00	
	<hr/>	330 00

#### WARD 5.

Paid Laura M. Chamberlain, teaching 11 w'ks,	\$88 00	
"          "      11 "	88 00	
"          "      11 "	88 00	
	<hr/>	264 00

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,660 00
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*Amount brought forward,*

\$1,660 00

## WARD 6.

Paid L. N. Fisher, teaching, 11 weeks,	\$88 00	
"      "      11  "	88 00	
"      "      11  "	88 00	
	<hr/>	\$264 00

## WARD 7.

Paid E. K. Grow, teaching, 11 weeks,	\$99 00	
Ella L. Brown, " 11  "	99 00	
C. B. Grow, " 10  "	90 00	
Mary Valentine, " 3 days,	5 40	
Ella L. Brown, " 11 weeks,	99 00	
C. B. Grow, " 7  "	63 00	
Sarah A. Williams, teaching, 4½ weeks,	41 40	
J. L. Tyler, " 11  "	99 00	
	<hr/>	595 80

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid C. L. Ball, teaching 11½ weeks,	\$171 00	
"      "      12  "	180 00	
Geo. E. Brewer, teaching 11 weeks,	165 00	
	<hr/>	\$516 00

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parsons, teaching 12 weeks,	\$566 67	
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parsons, teaching 12 weeks,	566 67	
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parsons, teaching 12 weeks,	566 66	
	<hr/>	1,700 00
Total salaries,		<hr/> \$4,735 80

## FUEL, ETC., FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Geo. H. Harrington, sawing wood, Ward 5,	\$6 00	
Willard Chamberlain, 3 cords wood, " 5,	24 00	
James Williams, 3½ cords wood, " 6,	26 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$56 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$56 00
Paid R. Goddard, 3 cords wood, Ward 2,	24 00
W. F. Collins, 3 " High School,	24 00
R. Goddard, 1½ " Ward 3,	12 00
F. A. Winchester, 3 " " 1,	24 00
F. A. Dorr, 1 cord wood, " 4,	7 00
" 1 " Grammar School,	7 00
" 1 " Ward 7,	7 00
" sawing 3 cords wood,	3 75
" bbl. shavings,	15
Sarah A. Williams, care of fires, Ward 2,	2 00
H. Willson, cash paid, care of school-houses,	9 00
H. Willson, cash paid, shavings, etc.,	65
L. W. Newton, coal,	87 63
C. L. Works, care of fires, High School,	6 50
Dennis Collins, sawing wood,	32 00
N. L. Hildreth, care of fires, Ward 5,	2 00
" " " 5,	2 00
F. A. Dorr, 2 tons coal, Ward 4,	19 50
" 3 " Grammar School,	29 25
" 4 " Ward 7,	39 00
" putting in 9 tons coal,	2 25
Mrs. J. H. Priest, care of fires, 2 terms, Ward 3,	4 00
Geo. A. Este, drawing kindlings,	8 00
Sarah A. Williams, care of fires, Ward 2,	2 00
J. Mannix, splitting wood,	2 00
G. Fisk, housing wood,	50
J. Powers, splitting wood,	2 50
W. Andrews, care of fires, Ward 7,	4 00
G. Fisk, care of fires, Ward 4,	3 00
R. Cronan, care of fires, Grammar School,	3 00
C. L. Works, care of fires, High School,	6 00
F. A. Dorr, coal, Ward 3,	29 49
J. L. Tyler, care of fires, Ward 7,	4 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$465 17

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$465 17
Paid B. C. Fisher, care of fires and barrel shavings, Ward 6,	4 13
C. B. Brigham, care of fires, Ward 6,	2 00
O. S. Brigham, care of fires, Ward 6,	2 00
F. A. Este, care of fires, Ward 1,	3 00
C. B. Brigham, care of fires, Ward 6,	2 00
J. Fay, sawing $3\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood, Ward 6,	7 00
Willie Hargraves, care of fires, Ward 5,	6 00
J. Cunneen, care of fires, Ward 2,	4 00
C. L. Works, care of fires, High School,	15 00
H. Willson, cash paid, care of fires,	18 00
F. A. Dorr, coal and shavings, Ward 3,	9 18
Fred. Este, care of fires, Ward 1,	2 00
Harry Newton, care of fires, Ward 1,	3 00
W. W. Howe, care of fires, Ward 3,	6 00
A. J. Newton, wood in 1873, laid over,	7 88
Total amount expended for fuel, etc.,	<hr/> \$556 36

## INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid Mrs. Sullivan, cleaning, Ward 3,	\$1 25
R. Nourse, building fence, Ward 3,	99 38
Sarah A. Williams, cleaning, Ward 2,	1 00
“ “ ink, crayons, etc., Ward 2,	1 75
E. K. Grow, cleaning, Ward 7,	2 00
H. Willson, 6 window catches, and ink,	1 85
“ removing seats to Fayville,	1 50
“ school books,	2 17
L. W. Newton, sundries for schools,	19 51
Wm. O. Haskell & Son, seats and desks, Ward 3,	100 72
B. C. & F. R. R. Co., freight on same,	1 04
Rockwell & Churchill, printing diplomas,	10 50
Mrs. Fitzgerald, cleaning High school-house,	2 00
A. Bigelow, labor at school-houses, Wards 1 and 3,	2 00
A. D. Howe, labor and materials enlarging school-house in Ward 3,	257 45
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$504 12

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$504 12
Paid D. H. Thompson, [labor painting school-houses in Wards 5 and 6,	49 50
Sarah A. Williams, cleaning, Ward 2,	1 00
“ “ crayons and erasers,	96
Road [Commissioners, putting gravel at school- house in Wards 2 and 5,	5 68
Ella L. Brown, cleaning, Ward 7,	2 00
Bradley & Brigham, tinning roof, Ward 3,	29 30
“ 2 stoves,	38 00
“ stove-pipe, zinc, etc.,	33 14
Wright Bros., sundries for schools,	5 04
Wright & Newton, “ “ “	12 02
L. W. Newton, 20½ gallons oil,	20 15
“ “ 300 lbs. lead,	28 75
“ “ 3½ lbs. Ven. red,	17
“ “ 40¾ lbs. French yellow,	2 04
“ “ 7½ lbs. whiting,	38
“ “ lamp-black,	40
“ “ 6 lbs. nails,	36
“ “ sundries furnished schools,	22 97
G. H. Rounds, whitening, coloring and repairing plastering in school-houses,	60 87
L. S. Brigham, repairing clock,	1 50
Pratt Bros., printing questions,	3 75
I. Dillingham, zinc and screen,	8 00
L. S. Brigham, repairing clock,	1 00
Bradley & Brigham, coal-hod,	2 00
B. F. Parsons, cleaning clock,	1 00
Mr. Riley, cleaning, Ward 6,	2 00
A. W. Greenwood, bottle of ink,	67
Geo. E. Lane, labor on school-house, Ward 1,	1 30
E. Harrington, for lock, Ward 5,	1 35
P. B. Caldwell, frame for screens, Ward 3,	5 00
C. Hyde, repairs on school-houses,	10 31
W. S. Willson & Co., sundries,	15 84
H. Willson, grate,	1 25
“ “ cleaning and bell,	3 30
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$874 12

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$874 12
Paid Sears Bros. and French Bros., repairs on Grammar School-house,	5 70
A. W. Wendall, repairing windows,	3 67
Wright & Newton, sundries,	4 68
Mrs. Nourse, cleaning,	2 50
A. Bigelow, repairs on sheds,	1 50
Mrs. Sullivan, cleaning,	5 00
C. J. Hooper, sundries,	3 35
P. D. Brigham, gravel and grading, Ward 7,	5 00
W. W. Howe, services as truant officer,	13 62
W. A. Walker, repairs on pump, Ward 3,	2 00
Total incidental expenses,	<u>\$921 14</u>

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Less Bradley & Brigham allowed on old stove,	5 00
	<u>\$916 14</u>
Total salaries for year,	\$4,735 80
Total bills for fuel, etc., for year,	548 48
Total amount drawn against appropriation,	<u>\$5,284 28</u>
Total incidental bills for year,	916 14
Total amount of bills for the year,	<u>\$6,200 42</u>
1873 fuel bill laid over,	7 88
Total amount of orders drawn,	<u>\$6,208 30</u>

(Signed) JONAS FAY,  
ANDREW BIGELOW, } *School*  
H. WILLSON, } *Committee.*

Examined and approved by

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT, } *Auditors.*  
O. L. GRIDLEY,

March 8, 1875.

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH.

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The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the year ending February 27, 1875:—

The number of paupers fully supported by the town is three, to wit:—Emery Goulding, Solomon B. Newton, and Emerson Woodbury.

### EXPENSES OF PAUPERS FULLY SUPPORTED.

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for board of Solomon B. Newton	\$184 27	
Nahum Newton, for board of Emery Goulding and Emerson Woodbury,	312 00	
Wright Bros., for goods for paupers,	7 40	
“ “ “	7 70	
“ “ “	6 60	
Hannah Lawrence, for sewing,	3 25	
Nahum Newton, expenses 3 times to Worcester,	3 00	
L. W. Newton, goods for paupers,	4 63	
Wright Bros., “ “	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$538 85

### EXPENSES OF PERSONS PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Paid C. J. Hooper, goods delivered E. Brackett,	\$10 90	
Wright Bros., goods delivered E. Brackett,	24 38	
Dr. Robinson, for medical attendance on E. Brackett,	40 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$75 28	<hr/> \$538 85

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$75 28	\$538 85
Paid N. Newton, goods deliv'd E. Brackett,	24 01	
"      "      "      "	8 86	
Geo. W. Flagg, for rent of house for E. Brackett,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$112 15
S. F. Fay for milk, E. Brackett,	\$7 32	
Nahum Newton, for keeping men and horse from Dudley,	2 00	
A. G. Biscoe, for advice concerning E. Brackett,	2 00	
	<hr/>	11 32
Dr. Robinson, medical attendance on R. White,	1 00	
C. J. Hooper, goods delivered R. White,	5 75	
	<hr/>	6 75
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for sup- port of S. Johnson,	28 50	
	<hr/>	28 50
F. A. Dorr, for coal delivered Sarah M. Dermott,	4 50	
	<hr/>	4 50
Wright & Newton, for goods deliv- ered Martha M. Davis and family,	28 67	
Nahum Newton, for supplies delivered do.,	26 28	
Wright & Newton, for goods de- livered do.,	17 39	
Wright & Newton for goods de- livered do.,	27 99	
F. A. Dorr, for coal delivered do.,	10 00	
Nahum Newton, for supplies deliv- ered do.,	45 08	
Wright & Newton, for goods deliv- ered do.,	20 22	
	<hr/>	175 63
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/> \$877 70

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$877 70
Paid Nahum Newton, expenses to Tewksbury with G. Rumley, State pauper,	\$5 00	
	<hr/>	5 00
Nahum Newton, expenses to Charlestown concerning Mary Hobbs and family,	2 00	
	<hr/>	2 00
City of Boston, for supplies to Mary Hobbs and family,	75 00	
	<hr/>	75 00
Nahum Newton, expenses to Boston, to pay bill of Mary Hobbs and family,	2 00	
	<hr/>	2 00
Town of Westboro', for supplies furnished Martha Gleason,	61 61	
Nahum Newton, for expenses to Westboro' concerning Gleason,	1 50	
	<hr/>	63 11
Dr. Robinson, medical attendance on Louisa Agaim,	23 00	
	<hr/>	23 00
Nahum Newton, for expenses to Marlboro', concerning J. Raymond and family,	1 50	
	<hr/>	1 50
May 30,		
Paid Nahum Newton, for keeping 248 tramps to date,	186 00	
August 31,		
Paid Nahum Newton, for keeping 71 tramps to date,	53 00	
Nov. 28,		
Paid Nahum Newton, for keeping 139 tramps to date,	104 25	
Feb. 26,		
Paid Nahum Newton, for keeping 230 tramps to date,	172 50	
	<hr/>	515 75
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/>
		\$1,565 06

*Amount brought forward,* \$1,565 06

OTHER EXPENSES.

Paid for stationery and postage,	\$1 00	
Nahum Newton, for services as Overseer,	25 00	
I. Lowell Pratt, for services as Overseer,	20 00	
J. A. Page, for services as Overseer,	20 00	
	66 00	
Whole amount of orders drawn to Feb. 27, 1875,		\$1,631 06

STATEMENT.

Total amount paid for support of paupers, and drawn from Town Treasurer,	\$1,631 06
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There has been collected, and by us paid to Town Treasurer, as per vouchers, the following amounts, viz. : —

Of the town of Dudley for E. Brackett family, paid by us on their account,	\$123 47	
Of the city of Worcester, on account, help furnished by the town, J. Welch,	10 00	
Also of city of Worcester, and paid them directly to Town Treasurer, for support of R. White,	5 75	
	139 22	

Actual cash cost for the year,	\$1,491 84
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Amount of Personal Property belonging to town, in N. Newton's hands : —

March 1, 1874,	50 00	
Value of same, March 1, 1875,	45 00	
	5 00	

Total cost,	\$1,496 84
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Signed by

NAHUM NEWTON,  
I. LOWELL PRATT,  
J. A. PAGE,

*Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Southborough.*

Examined and approved by

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT, } *Auditors.*  
O. L. GRIDLEY,

March 8, 1875.

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## ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

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SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1, 1875.

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,

To ROAD COMMISSIONERS, DR.

To cash paid for labor on Highways for the year  
ending Feb. 28, 1875, \$2,534 95

### CREDITS.

By work of men and teams,		
For School Committee,	\$5 68	
West end of Common,	11 25	
New road in Fayville,	36 50	
In January and February,	25 00	
	<hr/>	78 43
		<hr/>
		\$2,456 52
Balance paid Town Treasurer,		43 48
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		\$2,500 00

## For Labor and Incidental Expenses on Roads:—

	Labor.	Incidental.
1874. April, per vouchers,	\$368 00	\$153 07
May, “	307 65	25 45
June, “	479 15	40 19
July, “	198 25	19 98
August, “	409 50	33 58
September, per vouchers,	341 00	26 34
October, “	314 75	32 98
November and December, per vouchers,	85 55	58 68
James F. Brooks & Co., per vouchers, additional,		131 40
Nahum Newton's bill,	27 50	
N. C. Este's “	3 60	
1875. January and February,		35 69
Rebuilding bridge,		134 27
Guide-post,		2 00
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	\$2,534 95	693 63
Snow bills,		20 80
		<hr/>
		\$714 43

March 8, 1875. For Incidentals for the year ending February 28, 1875:—

1874.		
April. Wm. Jennison, hay,	\$17 02	
C. S. Williams & Son, grain,	6 70	
“ “ “ “	7 20	
T. W. Walker & Co., cart and 2 scrapers,	82 00	
T. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing, etc.,	15 58	
W. Parmenter, horse-keeping,	13 58	
L. W. Newton, grain, etc.,	10 99	
	<hr/>	\$153 07
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/>
		\$153 07

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$153 07
May.	F. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing, etc.,	\$5 35
	C. S. Williams & Son, grain,	3 70
	L. W. Newton, grain, etc.,	16 40
		<hr/> 25 45
June.	Wm. Jennison, hay,	\$15 00
	C. S. Williams & Son, grain,	7 30
	L. W. Newton, grain, etc.,	11 93
	F. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing, etc.,	5 96
		<hr/> 40 19
July.	C. S. Williams & Son, grain,	\$10 80
	L. W. Newton, grain,	9 18
		<hr/> 19 98
Aug.	L. W. Newton, grain, etc.,	\$16 89
	F. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing, etc.,	9 99
	C. S. Williams, grain,	5 40
	A. R. Higgins, harness,	1 30
		<hr/> 33 58
Sept.	F. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing, etc.,	\$6 68
	C. S. Williams & Son, grain,	7 60
	L. W. Newton, grain, etc.,	12 06
		<hr/> 26 34
Oct.	L. W. Newton, grain, etc.,	\$24 17
	F. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing, etc.,	4 61
	C. S. Williams & Son, grain,	4 20
		<hr/> 32 98
Nov.	L. W. Newton, grain, etc.,	\$17 93
	& " oil and paper,	53
Dec.	C. S. Williams & Son, grain,	14 00
	F. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing, etc.,	8 61
	F. L. Bush, storing hay,	2 00
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$43 07    \$331 59

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$43 07	\$331 59
	Geo. W. Goodnow, gravel,	\$1 92	
	F. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing,		
	etc.,	1 69	
	Baptist Society, for gravel,	12 00	
		<hr/>	58 68
	J. F. Brooks, — and freight (road scraper),		131 40
1875.			
Jan.	L. W. Newton, grain,	\$6 55	
&	“ grain, etc.,	9 10	
Feb.	C. S. Williams & Son, grain,	7 00	
	“ “	7 99	
	F. W. Walker & Co., blacksmithing,		
	etc.,	2 70	
	F. W. Walker & Co., “	2 35	
		<hr/>	35 69
	Re-building bridge on road leading from		
	Marlborough to Cordaville,		134 27
	Cash paid L. F. Johnson, guide-post,		2 00
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			\$693 63
	Snow bills,		20 80
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			\$714 43
Examined and approved by			
		JOS. S. FAY, JR.,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
		I. LOWELL PRATT,	
		O. L. GRIDLEY,	
March 8th, 1875.			

### THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF SOUTHBOROUGH.

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1, 1875.

Before beginning their work of last year, your Commissioners were obliged to find a new Superintendent, Mr. Warren Parmenter, the old and efficient road-maker, having engaged in other pursuits. They were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. Lewis F. Johnson, whose fidelity and diligence deserve their highest commendation.

During the past season, several large and important jobs have been done in different parts of the town.

On the Turnpike, so called, between the house of Mr. E. N. Onthank, and the Fayville store, the road was thoroughly repaired and improved, by cutting down the road over the hill near Mr. Onthank's house, and using the material to crown the road going east.

The road leading from Marlboro' to Framingham, past the houses of Mr. A. J. Newton and Mr. McMahon, beginning at the Marlboro' line, was graded, widened, and crowned.

The road between Cordaville and Fayville was thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and several culverts taken up, enlarged and relaid.

During the season there was expended upon the several roads in town upwards of six thousand loads of gravel, and other good road material.

Small stones have been generally removed, and brush obstructing the roads has been cut in many places.

Early in the season, after careful inquiries into its merits, the Commissioners purchased one of Brooks' Improved Road-Scrapers, which, although it requires a powerful team, has proved very successful, and will, they have no doubt, save the town a great deal of money.

Late in the summer, your Commissioners were notified of the caving-in of the walls, under the bridge, on the county road, leading from Cordaville to Marlboro' (said bridge covering a cattle pass on the estate of Mr. Trowbridge Brigham); they found it necessary to take up the old bridge, and put up new and better foundation walls, and to widen the bridge. This was done at a cost of one hundred and thirty-four and 27-100 dollars, for which vouchers are given.

The Commissioners, in behalf of the town, desire to acknowledge the gifts of a considerable quantity of gravel, and several days' work from Mr. Nahum Newton; from St. Mark's School, 180 loads of gravel; from Mr. Edward Burnett, 100 loads of gravel; and from Mr. George Newton, one day's work of himself and his excellent team.

For labor in repairing highways there has been expended the sum of twenty-five hundred and thirty-four and 95-100 dollars, as shown by vouchers rendered. Received for the use of

town horses seventy-eight and 43-100 dollars. Balance, forty-three and 48-100 dollars, unexpended.

For Incidental Expenses the sum of seven hundred and fourteen and 43-100 dollars has been expended, for which vouchers are furnished. This account is unusually large, owing to the cost of the new bridge on the Cordaville road, the new scraper, new cart, etc. This account, it will be observed, includes many items heretofore under the charge of the Selectmen.

Your Commissioners have been chosen a special committee to improve the road west of the Common, and also to build a new road in Fayville, and have submitted reports accordingly.

In conclusion, they refer the tax-payers of this town to their several roads, as the best evidence of the value of the commissioners' services, and of the system adopted by the town.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH BURNETT,  
CURTIS NEWTON,  
SAMUEL TAFT,

*Road Commissioners.*

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SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1st, 1875.

The committee chosen by the town to build a new road in Fayville, from a point near the Baptist meeting-house, northeasterly, to a point on the County road, nearly opposite the house of Dexter Newton, ask leave to make a

#### PARTIAL REPORT.

Beginning work late in the season, at the point last named, they caused the loam and subsoil to be removed and sold, and proceeded to make the road in a westerly direction, according to survey, about fifteen rods to an angle.

They were unable, on account of the weather, to continue work; and that part of the proposed road running in a southerly direction is yet unbuilt.

The portion referred to above as finished, cost the town, after deducting the amount received for loam, ninety-four and  $\frac{20}{100}$  dollars, as shown herewith by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH BURNETT, }  
CURTIS NEWTON, } *Committee.*  
SAMUEL TAFT, }

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1st, 1875.

The committee chosen by the town to widen and improve the road west of the Common report that they attended to that duty, and they herewith submit vouchers, amounting to sixty and  $\frac{90}{100}$  dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH BURNETT, }  
CURTIS NEWTON, } *Committee.*  
SAMUEL TAFT, }

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#### LOCK-UP BILLS.

Tim Shea, 2 bills,	\$92 50
Peter McLaughlin,	43 20
John Mannix,	38 50
J. D. Murphy,	33 60
Mason & Lincoln, 3 bills,	28 66
Rice & Griffin, 2        "	43 93
L. C. Kenney & Co., 3   "	66 42
D. Roby & Co., 2       "	45 95
B. & A. Railroad,	13 43
Kinnicut & Co.,	3 70
C. H. Rounds,	156 00
C. R. Sartell,	16 80
Clark & Perry,	3 62
W. Libbey,	39 71

*Amount carried forward,*

\$626 02

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$626 02
J. Blair,	51 00
Framingham Brick Co.,	247 50
A. W. Wendell,	2 45
A. Guild,	3 75
E. Boyelen & Son,	12 00
W. S. Willson & Co.,	2 90
W. H. Woodbury,	8 50
D. Newton,	4 00
Merriam & Willson,	51 75
Fitch Winchester,	9 00
French & Sears' Brothers, slating estimated,	65 00
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	\$1,083 87

The Committee appointed to build a Lockup submit the following report:—

A fire-proof building of brick, 20 × 25 feet, with three cells, has been erected in the village of Centreville, upon land donated to the town by A. Merriam, Esq. The cost will somewhat exceed the original estimate, but by deducting from the amount the price of eligible lots of land, the cost will not greatly exceed the appropriation.

The Committee are pleased to acknowledge a donation of about thirty feet of split stone for underpinning from Harvey Newton, Esq. We herewith submit the following bills which are believed to cover the entire expense to the town. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. WILSON, }  
 C. J. HOOPER, } *Committee.*  
 T. A. DORR, }

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#### REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The appropriation of the town for the improvement of cemeteries at the annual March meeting was three hundred dollars. Of that sum we have expended only eighty-three dollars, the most of which has been spent in repairing avenues and beautifying the grounds generally.

The wall upon the southerly side, which was in an unfinished condition at the time of our last report, has been satisfactorily finished at an additional expense of two hundred fifteen dollars and five cents.

Your Committee would recommend that the well be finished and a building be erected near the same for shelter and protection.

W. H. BUCK,  
FRANKLIN ESTE,  
F. A. WINCHESTER, } *Committee on  
Cemeteries.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 27, 1875.

COMMITTEE ON CEMETERIES IN ACCOUNT WITH  
TOWN.

	Dr.		
To appropriation,			\$300 00
	Cr.		
By cash paid H. Newton,		\$70 50	
"          "		7 50	
"      Hugh Heenan,		5 00	
By amount uncalled for,		217 00	
		<hr/>	\$300 00

Examined and approved by

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT, } *Auditors.*  
O. S. GRIDLEY,

March 8th, 1875.

COMMITTEE OF MEMORIAL DAY *in account with* TOWN OF  
SOUTHBOROUGH.

	Cr.	
By cash received of Town Treasurer,		\$62 80.
3 s.		

	Dr.	
To cash paid speaker,		\$15 00
music,		35 00
Pratt Bros.,		4 00
W. S. Willson,		4 00
L. W. Newton,		2 80
Wm. O'Brine,		2 00
		<hr/> \$62 80

W. H. BUCK, }  
 F. W. HAYDEN, } *Memorial*  
 C. J. HOOPER, } *Committee.*

Examined and approved by

JOS. S. FAY, JR., }  
 I. LOWELL PRATT, } *Auditors.*  
 O. L. GRIDLEY, }

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE *in account with* TOWN OF SOUTH-BOROUGH.

1875.

Feb. 28, To material (fuel, etc.) on hand	
from last year,	\$34 00
cash paid for wood,	24 00
kerosene,	56
chimneys,	6 75
gasoline,	39 98
C. Hyde, services,	101 70
	<hr/> \$206 99

Cr.

1875.

Feb. 28, By cash received for rent of hall,	\$165 00
material on hand to date,	
wood,	10 00
gasoline,	15 00
chimneys,	5 00
expenses over receipts to	
balance accounts,	11 99
	<hr/> 41 99
	<hr/> \$206 99

1875.

March 1, To material on hand from old  
account, \$30 00

CURTIS HYDE,  
H. F. WEBSTER,  
F. W. WALKER.

Examined and approved by

JOS. S. FAY, JR.,  
I. LOWELL PRATT, } *Auditors.*  
O. L. GRIDLEY,

March 8, 1875.

DR. JOSEPH BURNETT, Treasurer, *in account with* FAY LIBRARY.  
CR.

1874.

DR.

March.	Balance in Treasury,	\$1,603 37	
	Interest from Town Treasurer,	100 00	
	Dog money,	92 34	
	Librarian's fines,	33 45	
1875.			\$1,829 16
March.	Balance in treasury,	\$1,704 30	

1874.

CR.

March.	Paid Lee & Shepard,	\$107 71	
	J. Siedensticker,	17 15	
	Balance,	1,704 30	
			\$1,829 16

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH BURNETT,

*Treasurer Fay Library.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1st, 1875.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF FAY LIBRARY,

March 1, 1875.

*To the Inhabitants of Southborough:—*

In consequence of the resignation, in March last, of Mrs. Webster, it became the duty of the Board of Trustees to contract with some other person for Librarian. We employed Miss Laura M. Chamberlain to perform the duties of that office. We would here state that the Library has been kept in perfect order, and the trustees ascribe much credit to the Librarian for the excellent manner in which she has performed her duties. From her report we learn the following facts, viz.:—

Whole number of volumes catalogued in Library,	3,388
“ “ “ books delivered the past year,	6,644
Average “ “ “ weekly,	133
Being an increase over last year of	55
Greatest number of books delivered in one week,	212
“ “ delivered to any one family,	265
Increase of books during the year,	189
Number of books lost,	1
“ “ not yet returned,	17
Amount of fines collected,	33 45
“ “ not yet paid,	9 50

Hon. J. M. S. Williams, M. C. from this district, donated to the Library fifty valuable books. The Secretary, for and in behalf of the trustees, and, at their request, sent to Mr. Williams an acknowledgment of the receipt of the books, accompanied with the thanks of the trustees for the liberal gift.

All of which is respectfully submitted, for and in behalf of Trustees.

DEXTER NEWTON,  
*Secretary.*



<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$193 65
P. S. Noven,	2 50
G. F. Wheeler,	2 50
J. H. Winchester,	3 18
H. Tarbell,	9 45
G. W. Flagg,	10 32
J. Bennett,	9 45
F. Doucett,	68
A. Sullivan,	17 55
J. Kirby,	68
N. B. Onthank,	68
M. C. Deland,	2 03
N. Genlen,	68
C. A. Hyde,	43 61
W. M. Tyler,	33
S. St. Peters,	2 50

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\$299 79

**1874.**

S. E. Brigham,	\$32 20
O. B. Buck,	15 38
W. W. Buck,	7 09
M. Bigelow,	6 21
E. F. Bigelow,	2 60
M. Burns,	21 78
J. Burdett,	16 68
C. Bird,	2 60
F. Bird, 2d,	2 60
M. Brown,	2 60
J. W. Bates,	2 60
P. Bully,	2 60
Eli Bird,	2 60
Elsear Bird,	2 60
J. Chickering,	2 60
T. Cronin,	18 33
J. F. Chickering,	18 13
J. Coyne,	10 26

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*Carried forward,* \$169 46

<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$169 46
S. Currier,	25 72
J. A. Chamberlain,	2 60
F. E. Day,	22 88
J. Donahue,	15 02
Almira Dorr,	19 32
T. Dunn,	2 60
C. Dudley,	1 73
W. W. Day,	2 60
Isaac Dillingham,	9 50
G. G. Este,	3 19
N. C. Este,	13 99
T. J. Eames,	69 19
S. Fay,	23 70
H. L. Flagg,	34 78
L. C. Fiske,	2 60
C. Foster,	2 60
G. W. Flagg,	13 15
H. G. Fenderson,	2 60
W. Griffiths,	55 39
P. Gendson,	17 78
C. A. Hyde,	52 36
W. Homer,	41 32
P. Hefron,	13 50
F. Harrington,	3 29
G. H. Harrington,	2 60
W. W. Howe,	20 81
L. Holman,	28 82
C. P. Haven,	12 53
E. Hunt,	2 60
G. W. Hofman,	2 60
H. Harper,	2 60
A. D. Howe,	334 49
G. W. Homes,	2 60
I. Fritz,	2 60
W. H. Jones,	25 03
J. W. Jaques,	2 60
L. F. Jewett,	2 60

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*Carried forward,* \$1,063 35

<i>Brought forward</i> , \$1,063 35		<i>Brought forward</i> , \$1,443 39	
John O'Kelley,	8 38	Maria Toomey,	10 35
C. Kilburn,	2 60	G. H. Winchester,	31 72
John Leahey,	46 28	G. L. Warford,	2 60
G. E. Lane,	2 60	C. L. Warford,	12 42
Paul Lake,	2 60	A. Weston,	54 01
Wm. Lane,	2 60	J. Webber,	24 68
James Maley,	13 64	F. W. Young,	4 33
P. McDonough,	27 73	L. Yeaw,	2 60
D. M. Mitchell,	8 63	L. B. Blethen,	9 66
T. A. Miller,	19 71	G. F. Cole,	13 80
G. H. Miller,	2 60	J. Bennett,	9 66
P. McFee,	2 60	F. Doucett,	69
C. Miller,	2 60	J. Dowling,	8 28
M. McTeague,	2 60	S. C. Cotting,	4 14
S. A. Newell,	2 60	S. Barney,	3 45
H. C. Newell,	13 64	H. Temple,	6 90
W. O'Brien,	26 20	G. Cleaveland,	9 66
N. B. Parmenter,	22 59	W. W. Howe,	6 90
P. Powers,	2 60	J. A. Clisbee,	12 08
G. W. Stone,	18 55	John Hurley,	69
J. Sullivan, 2d,	9 50	F. X. Bird,	14 69
G. W. Stiles,	2 60	R. W. Whiting,	6 90
W. W. Smith,	6 74	M. M. Riley,	1 04
J. Savoir,	2 60	R. Russell,	1 38
F. Savir,	2 60	N. B. Onthank,	69
S. N. Thompson,	105 21	J. Hovey,	11 04
W. Tyler (Heirs of)	7 25	M. V. Deland,	2 07
P. Toomey,	12 19		
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<i>Carried forward</i> , \$1,443 39			\$1,709 82
February 28, 1875, Total uncollected taxes,			\$2,093 08

## ABATED TAXES.

1873.		<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$17 94
Maria Bigelow, assessed		J. Chandler,	6 48
in 1873,	\$6 75	W. B. Brigham,	27 60
J. Chandler, assessed in		P. Abraham,	2 60
1873,	6 41	E. Fendersen,	2 60
	<hr/>	J. Maby,	2 60
	\$13 16	J. Prescott,	2 60
		L. White,	2 60
		J. H. Blake,	2 60
		E. Dudley,	2 60
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			\$70 22
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			\$83 38

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR THE YEAR  
1875.

Schools,	\$4,500 00
Incidentals, Schools,	300 00
Highways,	2,000 00
Incidentals, Highway,	300 00
Paupers,	1,000 00
Interest on Town Debt,	2,550 00
Town Debt,	1,000 00
Officers' Salaries,	1,100 00
Memorial Day,	75 00
Cemetery,	200 00
Lockup,	283 79
Breaking Roads,	300 00
Contingent Expenses,	500 00
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Total,	\$14,108 97

# STATE AID.

NAMES.	1874.										1875.		
	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept'r.	October.	Nov'r.	Dec'r.	Jan'y.	Feb'y.	Total.
E. McKnight,	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$6 00	\$14 00	\$14 00	\$88 00
A. B. Bellows,	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	48 00
Geo. Brown,	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	72 00
A. H. Doyle,	10 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10 00
J. O. Kelley,	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	48 00
John A. Hunt,	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	48 00
W. J. Hargraves,	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	4 50	54 00
E. A. Whitmore,	....	....	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	....	....	....	....	....	20 00
Ann Leonard,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4 00	4 00	8 00
	\$38 50	\$28 50	\$32 50	\$32 50	\$32 50	\$32 50	\$32 50	\$28 50	\$28 50	\$28 50	\$40 50	\$40 50	\$396 00

## LIST OF JURORS.

We propose and recommend the following-named persons for Jurors :—

Addison F. Johnson,  
Wayland Angier,  
Joseph I. Marshall,  
Benjamin F. Pierce,  
Benjamin F. Prentiss,  
John W. Hammond,  
Charles H. Miller,  
George C. Harlow,  
Charles J. Hooper,  
Forrest E. Day,  
Curtis Woods,  
John F. Pearl,  
E. A. Chamberlain,  
Sullivan F. Pike,  
D. W. C. McMaster,  
W. P. Willson,  
F. A. Winchester,  
Charles N. Brewer,

Henry H. Newton,  
Sullivan F. Onthank,  
Edwin A. Buck,  
Joseph Lowell,  
O. L. Gridley,  
Benjamin Davis,  
W. H. Watson,  
Freeman Holyoke,  
A. T. White,  
Richard Ward, Jr.,  
Dexter Newton,  
C. S. Williams,  
Richardson Goddard,  
Harrison Neal,  
Warren Parmenter,  
Samuel N. Thompson,  
L. C. Newton.

W. H. BUCK,  
F. W. HAYDEN, } *Selectmen.*  
C. J. HOOPER,

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 27, 1875.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, FROM JANUARY 1, 1874, TO  
JANUARY 1, 1875.

<i>Births Registered</i> —Males . . . . .	22
Females . . . . .	20
Total . . . . .	42
<i>Marriages Registered</i> . . . . .	12
<i>Deaths Registered</i> —Males . . . . .	7
Females . . . . .	19
Total . . . . .	26

DEATHS.

DATE.	NAMES.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Feb. 20	Martha M. Flagg . . . . .	12	4	8
" 28	Mary E. Hord . . . . .			1
Mar. 1	Mary M. Reed . . . . .	3	2	24
" 13	Sally Parker . . . . .	88	1	10
" 19	Minnie W. Walker . . . . .	4	7	6
" 19	Mary E. Mannix . . . . .	1	2	19
" 25	Mary A. Pierce . . . . .	44	6	3
Apr. 14	— Burns . . . . .			1
" 18	Mary A. Hyde . . . . .	39	9	8
" 28	Mary Newton . . . . .	84	7	28
May 23	John G. White . . . . .			14
June 21	Annie Loring . . . . .	72	2	24
July 11	Catherine M. Mannix . . . . .			4
" 11	Ella L. Newton . . . . .	26		
" 13	Jabez Newton . . . . .	68		
" 19	Walter S. Parker . . . . .	18	8	18
Aug. 5	Daniel Sullivan . . . . .	20	8	
" 11	Sally Jennison . . . . .	74	4	25
" 14	Ida L. Parker . . . . .		7	22
" 22	Mary S. Newton . . . . .	70		27
Sept. 7	Myra E. Walker . . . . .	17		21
" 11	Sylvester Newton . . . . .	73	9	10
" 20	Elizabeth Thompson . . . . .	88	10	19
Oct. 20	Oscar E. Thompson . . . . .	26	10	
Nov. 7	Timothy O'Brien . . . . .	17		11
Dec. 6	Natalie Blanchard . . . . .		11	4

F. ESTE, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF SOUTHBOROUGH,  
FOR THE YEAR 1874-75.

## R E P O R T .

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FELLOW-CITIZENS : —

Your committee, at the close of another municipal year, would be glad to make a report of the character, progress and condition of the schools perfectly satisfactory to ourselves and you ; but such are the imperfect workings of the best systems of public-school education, arising from causes over which we have no control, that we can never expect to review the past without finding something to regret.

Each year has its peculiarities of success and misfortune, not always of the same kind, found in the same place, coming from the same direction, nor originating in the same cause.

Among mankind is found a great diversity of gifts. Many persons of high intellectual endowments, good education, amiable disposition and excellent moral character, who would be efficient and successful in some other employment, are not adapted to the teacher's sphere of labor ; their talents are of a different mould from those which best fit one for the government and instruction of youth.

Coming to a work for which they have no special fitness by nature, and, perhaps, without experience in their employment, it is not strange that they are not successful ; one may fail for want of aptness to teach, another for lack of personal energy, and a third, deficient in executive power, may not succeed in keeping the school under her control ; a fatal insubordination may spring up, and some

times a whole term, with all its expense and privilege, be worse than lost, and this, too, while the teacher is doing all in her power to secure the best results.

The first qualification for a teacher is a thorough knowledge of what she is expected to teach. We know that there is a sort of stereotyped idea that this is of secondary importance, a conviction sustained, as it is said, by the fact that schools have sometimes been very successful under teachers of very ordinary attainments.

There is a certain sense in which this may be true, but there is another and higher sense in which it is invariably false. No one can teach what she does not know, and in her attempt to do it, her instruction is always liable to be wrong; and if the influence of defective teaching stopped here, the evil, though great, would be of comparatively little importance, but the errors of childhood and youth are very likely to be permanent, ever abiding.

The most difficult task we have to perform is to break the power of inveterate habit, and correct the errors into which we have fallen through carelessness or imperfect instruction received in early life.

To teach well, one needs a good understanding of human nature and the common amenities of social life. This is as essential in the school as in the families to which the scholars belong.

Nothing can contribute in a higher degree to a teacher's success than ability correctly to read and understand the character and capacity of her pupils, that she may adapt her mode of government to each, and her method of instruction to all. Her government should be mild, affectionate and parental. Every child should be made to feel that every measure adopted by the teacher is designed for his welfare, and not for her personal interest. In this way a foundation may be laid for an appeal to his self-respect, to his sense of right and wrong. But there is here and there an individual who seems to have no such

sense to which the teacher can appeal, and no emotion nor motive by which he can be led to obedience or impelled to duty, but fear; the teacher, therefore, needs firmness as well as affection, power to command obedience, as well as rule by love.

Her pupils may be stimulated to effort by examples of industry and appeals to their love of approbation and self-interest, by showing them how intimately connected high attainments are with the successes of life.

The power of association, too, which moulds character so rapidly, is nowhere so distinctly seen, without and beyond the family circle, as in the influence which a teacher exerts upon those whom she is called to instruct. In a time surprisingly short her own peculiarities of excellence or defect will be reproduced in her scholars. If her deportment is lady-like and refined, her language well chosen and grammatical, her pupils will soon be found imitating her example, her influence will be discoverable in all they do and in all they say, and she will be constantly, perhaps unconsciously to them, raising them up to a higher level in those personal attainments which will make them pleasant associates and ornaments to the social circles in which they move. But whatever may be her intellectual endowments, or the extent and accuracy of her learning, her qualifications for a teacher will be essentially defective without a love for her work, which will grow to enthusiasm while she toils.

To be successful she must be active; no drone can ever impart life and vigor to a school; every duty must be promptly performed. The school must be so arranged that every exercise should have its appropriate time and place, and precisely at that time and in that place the exercise should be performed; by so doing, one of the most important duties will be inculcated, and the habit of punctuality readily formed.

Another subject, which claims a passing notice in our

report, is the course of study which should be pursued in our schools. On this subject there has been and is some difference of opinion; but we can see no particular need of change. That children should learn what they will find most useful in life there can be no reasonable doubt. That these are the very things most prominently taught in our schools is the testimony of all experience. Reading and spelling, writing and grammar, arithmetic and geography, are subjects on which the minds of children should be employed till they become so familiar that they can be made practical in all the conditions of life; and yet from this limited circle of subjects there are those who would have both grammar and geography left out; but the number is quite small, and the reasons assigned for the wish are not valid.

But while we believe the studies pursued in our schools have been well chosen, and the number not too large, we think the method of instruction might, in many instances, be improved.

Our children read in school, not to obtain information, but to learn the art. Reading is not the mere enunciation of the language in which some author has clothed his thoughts; it involves such regard for pronunciation and intonations of voice as will convey his thoughts and emotions to those who hear.

We think there is a tendency in schools to read too much. A few pieces, well selected and properly read, are worth more than volumes passed carelessly over, without regard to punctuation or the sentiment which the lesson was designed to convey.

The study of grammar should commence as soon as the child enters the school. The teacher should correct every wrong form of expression as soon as it falls from the lips, and repeat the correction till the wrong habit, if habit has been formed, is broken up. Then instruction may be given conversationally with the special design of cor-

recting any error which may occur, often selecting and pointing out the errors in sentences which have inadvertently come into popular use, such as the following: "That is well enough for you and I," "John done the work." In this way the proper construction of language may be learned in very early life. A little later, and perhaps somewhat in advance of this method, a class may be requested to write a few sentences, in their own language, on a blackboard; the errors may be pointed out and corrected, and in this way two objects will be secured; the scholar will learn to express his thoughts grammatically in writing, and the dreaded work of composition will be almost unconsciously begun. A little later still, some book should be used, defining the different parts of speech, the various moods and tenses, and other inflections of words, and the relation which the words of which a sentence is composed sustain to each other, and the whole subject of parsing and analysis will readily follow.

Mental arithmetic, under the direction of a competent teacher, may be pleasantly and profitably pursued in learning to think rapidly and accurately in the solution of problems requiring long processes of consecutive or concentrated thought.

Written arithmetic should be taught theoretically and practically, by first applying the rules to the problems which the author has arranged under them, and then in a thorough weekly review using only such problems as the teacher may gather from the business pursuits of daily life. In none of these studies, which come within the province of a common school education, can instruction be too thorough or learning too accurate; for it often happens when school days are past that they who have enjoyed their privileges find themselves deficient in the very knowledge which lies at the foundation of all real success.

The series of reading-books which were in the schools at the commencement of the year, though very good in

themselves considered, had been so long in use that teachers had become weary of them, and scholars, having committed large portions of them to memory, by continued repetition, found nothing in them to excite their curiosity or stimulate them to effort, and consequently had become indifferent to the lesson, and careless in regard to the manner in which their reading was performed. It seemed, therefore, desirable that some change should be made. Having received proposals from publishers to exchange new books for the old, on what we regarded liberal terms, we deemed it advisable to make a change, and have introduced Monroe's Readers, we think, with decidedly beneficial results.

The geographies, too, had passed through several editions, and the changes made so confused the recitations, that the teachers were often subjected to great inconvenience. We, therefore, exchanged the old ones for new, on such terms as will scarcely involve the town in greater expense than parents would have incurred in supplying the place of those worn out, if the change had not been made. In reviewing the schools at the close of the year, though we cannot say that they have been perfect, we are most happy to say that, as a whole, they have been a success. While in some of them there have been defects which could not have been prevented by us, in others there have been excellences of rare merit, and in all, progress made, over which parents may well rejoice, and feel that the efforts made for the instruction of their children have not been in vain. In reading, writing, spelling, geography, arithmetic, grammar and composition, there has been marked and decided improvement, and we hope an impulse given in the right direction which will be felt for years to come.

The standard of education should be always rising; not satisfied with the degree of excellence which our schools have already attained, we should be constantly seeking

for higher qualifications in teachers, better methods of instruction, more perfect discipline and closer application to business in the school-room during the few hours of the day in which teachers and scholars are there employed. It will be only in this way that we can keep pace with the progress of the times and prepare our children to cope with others on the arena of coming life.

It would be easy in this report to present a comparative view of our ward schools, to point out the excellences and defects of each, and suggest a remedy for all that has failed to meet our approval; but experience and observation have led us to believe that all excellences will be more effectually promoted and defects more surely done away by an early and judicious selection of teachers and an earnest co-operation of parents and committee, than by any other means.

The Grammar School, during the whole year, has been under the care of teachers eminently qualified for their work, and the results have been highly gratifying to the committee and the parents specially interested in its success.

The Peters High School, still under the care of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parsons, has more than sustained its former reputation. The discipline has been excellent, the instruction thorough and faithful, and the proficiency made in the various branches of study pursued has been such as merits our highest commendation.

At the close of the last spring term a class, for the first time since the establishment of the school, completed a four years' course of study, and four young ladies received their diplomas at the hands of its founder.

It is true, as is often said, that this school is attended with considerable expense, but we cannot afford to do without it. It is supplementary to our system of Ward Schools, and taking our children, as it does, when they are just leaving the rudiments of an education, and lead-

ing them up to those higher attainments which will prepare them honorably to fill almost any position in life, its importance to them cannot be estimated. And commending itself more and more fully to the favorable consideration of the town, we believe it will be cheerfully and liberally sustained for many years to come.

Finding the number of scholars at the commencement of the year in Ward No. 3 larger than could be accommodated in the school-room, or successfully taught by one teacher, the alternative was forced upon us to provide another room, and employ another teacher, or enlarge the room already occupied, and employ an assistant teacher. After a thorough examination of the subject, it was thought the latter course would be preferable. The room, therefore, was enlarged at an expense of four hundred and fifty-five dollars and five cents, and an assistant teacher employed. We think the room is now sufficiently large for the present, and, perhaps, for several years to come.

The fence, too, about the house had become so dilapidated and unsightly, that it seemed to us best that it should be entirely removed, and a new one built in its place, which was done at an expense of ninety dollars.

A. BIGELOW,  
H. WILLSON,  
JONAS FAY.

*School Committee of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 6, 1875.

## STATISTICS.

## SPRING TERM.

WARDS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Scholars.	Aver. Attendance.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	Length of School in Months.	Wages of Teachers per month, including board.
No. 1 . . .	Abbie F. Willson . . . . .	44	38	..	..	2 15-20	\$40
2 . . .	Sarah A. Williams . . . . .	27	17	..	..	2 8-20	32
3 . . .	Mrs. J. H. Priest . . . . .	63	58	2	1	2 15-20	40
4 . . .	Ada M. Newton, assistant . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	20
5 . . .	I. L. Tyler . . . . .	49	40	..	..	2 15-20	40
6 . . .	L. M. Chamberlain . . . . .	20	19	..	..	2 15-20	32
7 U. D.	Lucy N. Fisher . . . . .	10	9	..	1	2 15-20	32
7 L. D.	Ella L. Brown . . . . .	33	29	..	..	2 15-20	36
7 L. D.	E. K. Grow . . . . .	54	40	1	..	2 15-20	36

## FALL TERM.

No. 1 . . .	A. F. Willson . . . . .	42	37	..	..	2 15-20	\$40
2 . . .	Sarah A. Williams . . . . .	21	17	..	..	2 12-20	32
3 . . .	Mrs. J. H. Priest . . . . .	61	56	2	2	2 15-20	40
4 . . .	Ada M. Newton, assistant . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	40
5 . . .	I. L. Tyler . . . . .	43	33	..	1	2 15-20	40
6 . . .	L. M. Chamberlain . . . . .	14	13	..	..	2 13-20	32
7 U. D.	Lucy N. Fisher . . . . .	12	10	..	..	2 13-20	32
7 L. D.	Ella L. Brown . . . . .	33	27	..	..	2 15-20	36
7 L. D.	C. B. Grow . . . . .	44	37	..	..	2 15-20	36

## WINTER TERM.

No. 1 . . .	A. F. Willson . . . . .	45	37	..	..	2 15-20	\$40
2 . . .	A. W. Greenwood, 30 days . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	32
3 . . .	C. B. Grow, 21 days . . . . .	30	24	..	2	2 11-20	40
4 . . .	Mrs. J. H. Priest . . . . .	62	60	..	..	2 12-20	40
5 . . .	Ada M. Newton, assistant . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	20
6 . . .	Ella L. Brown . . . . .	41	32	..	..	2 15-20	40
7 U. D.	L. M. Chamberlain . . . . .	16	14	..	1	2 15-20	32
7 L. D.	Lucy N. Fisher . . . . .	14	11	..	1	2 15-20	32
7 L. D.	I. L. Tyler . . . . .	27	21	..	..	2 15-20	36
7 L. D.	C. B. Grow, 32 days . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..
7 L. D.	S. A. Williams, 21 days . . . . .	37	28	..	..	2 13-20	36

## Terms.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First . . .	C. L. Ball . . . . .	36	28	..	4	2 17-20	\$60
Second . .	C. L. Ball . . . . .	31	25	..	2	2 15-20	60
Third . . .	Geo. E. Brewer . . . . .	38	31	..	6	2 15-20	60

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

First . . .	Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parsons . . . . .	45	40	..	18	3	\$188 89
Second . .	" " " " . . . . .	57	53	..	19	3	188 89
Third . . .	" " " " . . . . .	51	45	..	20	3	188 99

SECOND ANNUAL

# Auditors' Report

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,

*For the Financial Year ending Feb. 29, 1876.*

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SOUTHBORO:

PRATT BROS., PRINTERS, SOUTHBORO PRESS OFFICE.

1876.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors present herewith their Second Annual Report, for the year ending February 29, 1876.

*To the Inhabitants of Southborough:—*

We have endeavored so to arrange and classify the items upon which the within reports are based, as would best accord with convenience, neatness, and economy. We trust the result reached will meet your approbation.

We are happy to report absolute correctness in the accounts of every town officer, and especially do we testify to the fidelity and accuracy of your Treasurer. His method of keeping accounts is the perfection of simplicity, conciseness and utility. We commend it to the attention of all town treasurers.

We have but one suggestion to make, and that in one word, *economize*.

The following reports of town officers have been severally examined and approved by

Yours respectfully,

O. L. GRIDLEY, }  
B. F. PRENTISS, } *Auditors.*

Southborough, March 10th, 1876.

# SELECTMENS REPORT.

The Selectmen present herewith their report for the year ending February 29, 1876 :

Paid Selectmen, Salary,	\$100 00
"    Perambulating lines,	18 00
Road Commissioner, Salary,	75 00
School Committee,     "	175 00
Overseers of Poor,     "	50 00
Assessors,     "	246 00
Assessors' meeting Tax Commissioner,	6 60
Treasurer, Salary,	50 00
Treasurer, Traveling expense,	16 00
Collector, Salary,	100 00
Collector, Printing and Express,	10 65
Auditors, Salary,	45 00
Auditors, Town Reports,	141 19
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	20 00
Constables,	48 80
Constables, Town Warrants,	28 25
Constables, notifying Town officers,	7 80
Town Clerk, traveling expenses, stationery &c.,	20 00
Return of Births, Marriages and Deaths,	30 40
Balance Lockup bills,	293 05
Memorial Day,     "	97 61
Fay Library,     "	135 00
Printing Reward Posters,	3 00
Setting stone bounds to roads,	6 00
Town House repairs,	39 44
Cemetery bills,	78 20
Insurance (Ward Schools,)	123 10
A. D. Howe, (land damages,)	38 00
Ringling bell,	3 00
Town House Committee,	164 95
Postage and Stationery,	11 39

Whole amount orders drawn, \$2181 43

Respectfully Submitted,

W. H. BUCK,	}	Selectmen of Southboro.
F. W. HAYDEN,		
C. J. HOOPER,		

# *SCHOOL EXPENSE REPORT.*

## WARD 1.

Paid A. F. Willson, teaching 34 wks, \$340 00

## WARD 2.

Paid Belle M. Simpson, 33 weeks, \$264 00

## WARD 3.

Paid E. F. Nelson, 11 weeks, \$99 00

Ada M. Newton, 11 weeks, 66 00

J. L. Kinnee, 22 weeks, 220 00

I. M. Watkins, 1 week, 10 00

## WARD 4.

Paid Ella M. Brown, 11 weeks, \$110 00

Nellie M. Harlow, 23 weeks, 184 00

## WARD 5.

Paid Ella M. Fay, 34 weeks, \$272 00

## WARD 6.

Paid L. N. Fisher, 34 weeks, \$272 00

## WARD 7.

Paid Nellie A. Hyde, 29 weeks, \$232 00

Sarah A. Williams, 22 weeks, 198 00

H. J. Harlow, 5 weeks, 40 00

Ella M. Woods, 12 weeks, 96 00

C. L. Goldthwaite, 12 weeks, 180 00

C. L. Ball, 22 weeks, 297 00

B. F. Parsons and wife, 1700 00

Fuel, \$365 25

Preparing same, 64 75

Care of fires, 101 64

Cleansing, 2 00

\$4,580 00

533 64

Orders drawn,

\$5,113 64

*Am't brought forward,*

\$5,113 64

## INCIDENTALS.

Books,	\$346 65
Repairs,	168 99
On account of truants,	12 26
Sundries,	77 53

Orders drawn,	605 43
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Total amount orders drawn,	\$5,719 07
Salaries of Committee,	175 00

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 \$5,894 07

Received from State fund,	\$234 85
“ “ Dog money, (one half),	110 29
“ “ Marlboro, (tuition),	40 00
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	385 14

Total expense of Schools,	\$5,508 93
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## STATEMENT.

Appropriation,	\$5,650 00
Amount received as above,	385 14

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 \$6,035 14

JONAS FAY,

*Sec. School Com.*

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor present herewith their report for the year ending Februry 29, 1876 :

FULLY SUPPORTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
Solomon B. Newton,	\$203 90
Emerson Woodbury,	168 10
Emery Goulding,	218 08
Alonzo F. Stone,	1079 90
Lois Saunders,	74 75
Lovely Bird,	43 50

## PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Mrs. J. F. Hobbs,	56 68
Hannah J. Robinson,	2 13
Cornelius Doherty,	43 42
Joseph Raymond,	30 75
Stoel St. Peters,	31 65
Martha Davis,	218 01
Mary Parmenter,	11 75
Joseph St. Peters,	5 25
Henry Harper,	2 75
‡ Mrs. Patrick Sheehan,	74 87
Theodore Labarre,	52 48
Mrs. Francis Bird	101 61
Rowena Greenwood,	88 24
* Edward Sawyer,	50 14
George M. Brigham,	26 50
Freeman Fairbanks,	5 31
Sarah McDevitt,	2 10
Paid N. Newton for keeping 110 Tramps from Feb. 25th to March 30th, 1875, at 75c.	82 50
Paid expense of keeping at Lockup 552 Tramps,	63 28
Paid Postage,	81
Paid C. Woods, care of Lockup and Tramps,	115 00
Orders drawn,	<hr/> \$2853 46

<i>Am't brought forward,</i>		\$2853 46
‡ Due from Commonwealth,	\$52 48	
* Due from Milford,	<u>50 14</u>	
		102 62
		<u>\$2750 84</u>
Depreciation in value of Bedding, &c., (\$40)	5 00	
Services of Overseers,	<u>50 00</u>	
		<u>\$2805 84</u>
Actual expenditure,		\$2805 84

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS WOODS, }  
 O. L. GRIDLEY, } Overseers of Poor.  
 O. P. WALKER, }

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The Road Commissioners present herewith their report for the year ending Feb. 29, 1876.

Paid Snow Bills,		\$325 92
L. F. Johnson,	\$615 50	
S. Berkley,	177 64	
J. Lovell,	267 52	
P. Bagley,	253 46	
W. R. Woodbury,	27 50	
Jas. Maley,	11 47	
C. Baldwin,	4 00	
B. Jerry,	67 57	
I. G. Howe,	21 00	
P. McMahon,	30 00	
C. L. Johnson,	34 60	
B. Loftus,	127 07	
W. Collins,	4 00	
T. Shea,	16 25	
N. C. Este,	10 35	
W. O'Brien,	1 40	
P. Chapdelaine,	1 00	
S. Taft,	4 25	
E. Morse,	2 00	
John Maley,	22 50	
Curtis Newton,	3 05	
J. Blair,	25 50	
Two horses,	475 00	
C. Newton & W. H. Buck for purchasing and delivering the same,	14 00	
Hay and Grain,	165 43	
Blacksmithing,	32 93	
Tools and Repairs,	78 48	
Stationery,	18	
Gravel,	2 16	
		2495 81
Whole amount orders drawn,		\$2821 73

<i>Am't brought forward,</i>			\$2821 73
Property on hand March 1, 1876,	646 00		
" " " 1875,	314 25		
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			331 75
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Commissioners Salaries,			2489 98
			75 00
			<hr/>
Total expense of Highways,			\$2564 98

## STATEMENT.

Amount expended to July 1st,	1444 77
2554 loads of material have been put upon the roads. The grass cut upon Common and Cemeteries has been fed to horses.	
Appropriation regular,	2430 00
" incidental,	500 00
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	\$2930 00
Expended as above,	2821 73
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Unexpended,	\$108 27

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS NEWTON,	} Road Commissioners.
SAMUEL TAFT,	
WM. H. BUCK.	

*MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE.*

The Memorial Day Committee present herewith their annual report.

Paid for Band,	\$45 00
“ Transportation,	3 00
“ Flags,	1 38
“ Printing and Advertising,	10 00
“ Flowers,	22 63
“ H. Newton services,	3 00
“ Orator,	12 60
	—————\$97 61

C. B. SAWIN, for Com.

*CEMETERY COMMITTEE.*

The Cemetery Committee present herewith the report for the year ending February 29, 1876.

Paid Henry Newton's bill,	\$78 20
Our appropriation was,	200 00

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, WM. H. BUCK,  
FRANKLIN ESTE,  
FITCH A. WINCHESTER,

*Cemetery Com.*

## STATE AID.

Paid during the year ending February 29, 1876.

Paid Edward McKnight,	\$168 00
“ Anna B. Bellows,	48 00
“ John O. Kelley, Guardian,	5 20
“ John A. Hunt,	48 00
“ W. J. Harrigan,	4 50
“ George Brown,	72 00
“ Ann Leonard,	48 00
Total Amount from State,	<hr/> \$393 70

# *TREASURER'S REPORT.*

F. ESTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTHBORO FROM FEB. 28, 1875, TO MARCH 1, 1876.

<b>Dr.</b>		<b>Cr.</b>	
To Balance in Treasury, Feb. 28, 1875,	\$3,539 04	By Cash paid Town Debt and Interest,	\$34,059 50
Received of the Commonwealth,	30,000 00	“ “ Temporary Loan and Interest,	3,022 50
“ “ State Treas., Corporation Tax,	320 99	“ “ State Tax,	1,980 00
“ “ “ State Aid,	668 67	“ “ County Tax,	1,626 86
“ “ “ National Bank Tax,	982 65	“ “ Orders of Selectmen,	2,181 43
“ “ “ School Fund,	234 85	“ “ “ School Committee,	5,719 07
“ County Treas., Dog Money,	220 58	“ “ “ Road Commissioners,	2,821 73
“ Temporary Loan,	2980 41	“ “ “ Overseers of the Poor,	2,853 46
“ for 10 lots in Cemetery,	32 00	“ “ State Aid,	393 70
“ “ 65 loads loam,	13 00	“ “ Peter Fay, Treas. Fay Library,	110 29
“ of Road Commissioners,	62 70	Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1876,	5,348 29
“ School Committee, (Town Marlboro,)	40 00		
“ for rent of shed,	3 00		
“ of Town Hall Committee,	170 50		
“ Collector,	20,848 44		
	<u>\$60,116 83</u>		<u>\$60,116 83</u>

Southborough, Feb. 29, 1876.

F. ESTE, Treasurer.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

*F. ESTE, Collector, in Account with the Town of Southboro, from Feb. 28  
1875, to March 1, 1876.*

Taxes assessed in 1870,		\$15 58	
Less uncollected,	13 28		
Less Abated,	2 30	15 58	
Assessed in 1871,		\$4 80	
Less Abated,	\$2 40	2 40	\$2 40
Assessed in 1872,		\$63 09	
Less uncollected,	\$5 00		
Less Abated,	30 00	35 00	
		\$28 09	
Interest collected,		3 36	31 45
Assessed in 1873,		\$299 79	
Less Abated,		70 32	
Interest collected,		\$28 98	258 45
Assessed in 1874,		\$1,709 82	
Less uncollected,	\$27 34		
Less Abated,	49 28	76 62	
		\$1,633 20	
Interest collected,		74 53	1707 73
Assessed in 1875,		\$18,881 64	
Less uncollected,	\$20 86		
Less abated,	67 76	88 62	
		18,793 02	
Interest collected,		55 39	18,848 41
Cash paid Treasurer,			\$20,848 44

F. ESTE, Collector.

Southboro, Feb. 29, 1876.

## LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES,

FEBRUARY 29, 1876.

<b>1870.</b>					
J. Flagler,		\$13 28	F. W. Young,		4 33
<b>1872.</b>			G. W. Stiles,		2 60
E. H. Hall,		2 50	I. Fritz,		2 60
J. R. Hawkins,		2 50			
					<hr/>
					\$27 34
			<b>1875.</b>		
		\$5 00	Paul Foster,		\$2 60
<b>1874.</b>			C. Harper,		2 60
C. Bird,		\$2 60	N. Pelican,		2 60
F. Bird,		2 60	A. Rice,		2 60
L. F. Jewett,		2 60	A. Wesson,		7 86
J. Savoir,		2 60	B. McCarty,		2 60
F. Savoir,		2 60			<hr/>
G. H. Winchester,		4 81			\$20 86

## STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT AND ASSETS:

FEB. 29, 1876.

Town debt on demand,	\$ 4,450 00	
“ “ Funded,	30,000 00	
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	\$34,450 00	
Interest to Feb. 29, 1876,	857 00	
	<hr/>	\$35,307 00

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Uncollected Taxes,	\$ 66 48	
Cash in Treasury,	5,348 29	
Amt. due from State, (State aid),	474 70	
“ “ “ “ (paupers),	52 48	
“ “ “ Milford (paupers),	50 14	
	<hr/>	5,992 09
		<hr/>
		\$29,314 91
Indebtedness Feb. 27, 1875,	\$31,034 88	

### TRUSTEES FAY LIBRARY.

The Trustees of Fay Library present herewith their report for the year ending February 29, 1876. We learn from the Librarian as follows:

Total number of Volumes in the Library,	\$3,557
Total number delivered the past year,	8,455
Excess over last year,	1,811
Average number delivered weekly,	163
Greatest number in one week,	278
Greatest number to one family,	278
Increase of books,	167
Amount of fines collected,	\$28 80
Amount of fines uncollected,	2 10

The Bureau of Education donated to the Library two valuable books. Forrest H. Parker, Esq., a former resident of Southboro', also donated the Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the New York Produce Exchange, a very valuable book for business men.

Respectfully submitted,

DEXTER NEWTON, Secretary.

### TREASURER FAY LIBRARY.

**Dr.**

The Treasurer Fay Library presents herewith his report for the year ending February 29, 1876.

To Balance in Treasury,	\$1,704 30
Amount received of Town Treas.,	100 00
One-half Dog Money,	110 29
Amount of Librarian, (fines,)	28 80
Interest on amount unexpended,	3 00
	<hr/> \$1,946 39

**Cr.**

By cash paid for books,	\$226 94
By balance in Treasury,	1,719 45
	<hr/> \$1,946 39

Respectfully submitted,

PETER FAY, Treasurer.

## TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The Town House Committee present herewith their report for the year ending February 29, 1876.

<b>Dr.</b>		
To cash received for rent of Hall,		\$170 50
<b>Cr.</b>		
By cash paid for wood,		35 00
Gasoline,		44 45
C. Hyde (Janitor),		85 50
Treasurer,		5 55
		<hr/>
		\$170 50
Wood and Gasoline on hand Feb. 29, '76,		34 00
" " " " 28, '75,		30 00

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS HYDE,  
H. F. WEBSTER,  
GEO. C. HARLOW, } Committee.

## PRICE OF HALLS.

Prices established for use of Halls in Town House.

<b>UPPER HALL.</b>		
For Lecture,		\$5 00
Concerts,		6 00
" with stage,		10 00
" non-residents,		8 00
Exhibitions,		10 00
" with stage,		15 00
Conventions,		5 00
" with lower hall and kitchen,		7 00
Tea parties " " "		10 00
Balls from 8 P. M. to 1 A. M.,		15 00
Balls after 1 o'clock A. M. per hour,		5 00
Cotillon parties from 8 to 12 P. M.,		10 00
" after 12 o'clock P. M. per hour		3 00
<b>LOWER HALL.</b>		
Farmers Club,		2 00
Dancing School 7 to 10 P. M.,		2 50
" " Summer afternoons,		1 50
Singing Schools,		2 00
Festivals,		6 00
Lectures Winter,		2 00
" Summer,		1 00
Exhibitions,		5 00
" (Farmers Club),		Free.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT, MAY 1, 1875.

Town Grant,	\$14900
State Tax,	1980
County Tax,	1626 88
Over-laying,	374 76
Total Tax raised,	<u>\$18,881 64</u>

## VALUATION.

Personal Estate taxed,	\$331,145
Real Estate taxed,	<u>1,073,127</u>
Total amount taxed,	1,404,272
Amount exempt by law,	<u>9,575</u>
Total Valuation,	1,413,847
No. Polls taxed,	510
Tax on Polls,	\$1326
Total No. Dwelling houses taxed,	366 1-2
Horses,	309
Cows,	822
Sheep,	1
Acres of land taxed,	9392

Rate of Taxation \$12 50 per thousand.

JAMES WILLIAMS,	} Assessors of Southborough.
D. H. THOMPSON,	
DEXTER NEWTON,	

## LIST OF JURORS.

We propose and recommend the following named persons as Jurors :

Addison F Johnson,

Benj F Pierce,

Benj F Prentiss,

John W Hammond,

G C Harlow,

Forrest E Day,

Sullivan F Pike,

W P Willson,

Charles N Brewer,

Henry H Newton,

Sullivan F Onthank,

O L Gridley,

L C Newton,

Benj Davis,

W H Watson,

Dexter Newton.

C S Williams,

Richardson Goddard,

Harrison Neal,

Warren Parmenter,

Samuel Taft,

B F Proctor,

John A Page,

Sylvester Fay,

John F Wright,

Jonas Fay,

John Blair,

W J C Hobbs,

I G Howe,

F J Stevens,

Curtis Hyde,

H F Webster.

W. H. BUCK,

F. W. HAYDEN,

C. J. HOOPER.

} Selectmen.

Southboro, Feb. 29, 1876.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

The Town Clerk presents herewith his Annual Report.

<i>Births Registered</i> —Males . . . . .	15	
Females . . . . .	15	
		30
<i>Marriages Registered</i> . . . . .	17	
<i>Deaths Registered</i> —Males . . . . .	15	
Females . . . . .	16	
		31

## DEATHS.

DATE.	NAMES.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Jan. 5	Sarah L. Clifford.....	33	4	8
" 6	Watson Graves.....	65	5	28
" 11	William F. Pratt.....	51	8	15
" 26	Jane Powers.....	54		
Feb. 6	Abbie E. Herrick.....	28	1	2
" 21	William Sullivan.....			21
Mar. 10	Michael Maley.....	56		
" 15	Sarah E. Howe.....	58	7	
" 16	Trowbridge Brigham.....	72	5	17
" 21	Tilden Jones.....	81		
Apr. 17	Edna F. Nichols.....	26		18
" 23	Henry Harper.....	22		
May 1	Mary Noonan.....	80		
" 22	Catherine I. Fay.....	17	8	14
" 23	Thomas Manning.....	5	4	
" 27	Emma Hyde.....	12		28
July 6	Mary Foley.....	45		
Aug. 4	Catherine E. Murphy.....	1	9	25
" 8	Silas O. Brigham.....	13	4	14
" 13	Gracie M. M. Onthank.....	1		13
" 22	Philip Harrington.....	1	4	
Sept. 13	Catherine McTernan.....	44		
" 13	Wm. Henry Gldhill.....			6
" 19	John J. Curren.....		10	4
" 27	Mary C. Bird.....	1	3	8
Oct. 14	Francis Bird.....	34		
Nov. 11	Chloe Este.....	83	9	2
" 23	Charles Webber.....			3
" 27	Antoinette M. Flagg.....	44	7	
Dec. 9	Sophia Newton.....	62	5	21
" 21	Thomas McMaster.....	80	11	

## DOGS LICENSED.

Whole number, 128. Males, 122. Females, 6. Amount paid County Tr. \$248 40. Of this amount about 88 p. c. has been returned to the town.

F. ESTE, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF

SOUTHBOROUGH,

FOR THE YEAR 1875--76.

## REPORT.

### *Fellow Citizens:—*

Years revolve, centuries roll on, cycles pass away, and while in some respects all things remain as they were from the foundation of the world, yet history marks a constant progress in all that pertains to human welfare.

It would be difficult to select any department of life, physical, intellectual, social, moral or religious, in which the close of the first century of our national existence does not find us at a great remove from the position occupied by our fathers when it began.

In agriculture and commerce, in art and science, in manufactures and the implements with which labor is performed, in the means and modes of travel, in the facility with which intelligence is communicated from city to city and sent around the world, in literature characterized by more extensive learning and profounder thought, in religion with less of superstition and a more catholic spirit; the century now closing has witnessed a surprising change and improvement, but no where more distinctly seen than in the schools of our own Commonwealth.

One hundred years ago many of her school houses were of the rudest structure, thrown together in the cheapest possible manner, without regard to taste or the convenience of those for whom they were built. Their furniture often consisted of a single chair, a writing bench fastened to the walls of the house, and rough forms for seats supported by four or six legs, having no backs and often so high that many of the children sitting upon them could not reach the floor with their feet.

These rooms were heated, so far as heated at all, with green wood, burned in an open fire place on one side of the house, sometimes raising the temperature in its immediate vicinity to an uncomfortable heat and leaving the remoter parts correspondingly cold.

The books of those days were as ill adapted to the instruction of children and youth as the houses where they were used. In many, perhaps in most schools, there were no grammars, no geographies, but few arithmetics, no reading books, except a primer, Dilworth's spelling book, a Psalter and a Bible, which were handed down defaced and worn from generation to generation.

Many of the teachers were of foreign birth, essentially destitute of those elements of character, education and personal culture which combine to form a good instructor; without plan in their teaching, tyrannical in their government and often careless of the results to which precept and example might lead. Their methods of teaching, however, were *modified* by the paucity of books adapted to their work, as well as their own limited knowledge. Reading was taught essentially as now, writing was learned from copies written upon unruled paper by the teacher, and arithmetic from problems written by him on slate or paper, and the rule read to him by whom they were to be solved. If in this way the pupil could reach and make himself familiar with the Rule of Three, his knowledge of arithmetic was deemed sufficient for all the ordinary puposes of life.

The money then expended for the support of schools was a mere fraction of what is now employed for that purpose, as will be seen from the following table :

**Table of Expenses for Schools in Southboro.**

1776, \$96.80	1860, \$1,400.	1867, \$3,300.	1874, \$5,000.
1800, 270.	1861, 2,000.	1868, 3,500.	1875, 5,000.
1810, 350.	1862, 1,800.	1869, 3,500.	
1820, 400.	1863, 2,000.	1870, 4,500.	
1830, 432.	1864, 2,000.	1871, 4,500.	
1840, 700.	1865, 2,300.	1872, 4,500.	
1850, 900.	1866, 3,000.	1873, 5,500.	

But improvement has kept even pace with the progress of time. Those rude houses to which we have referred have given place to others of greater architectural beauty, built with special reference to the health and convenience of those by whom they were to be occupied, as neat, as comfortable and as well adapted to the purpose for which they were designed as the dwellings of the teachers or the

families to which the children belong. Nor is improvement seen in the arrangement of school houses alone, but in the length of time in which they were occupied. Instead of one or two terms of six weeks each in a year, improved or neglected at the option of the parent, or the will of the child, we have now three terms of twelve weeks each, and the law requires every child between eight and fourteen to attend school at least twenty weeks of each year. The want of books which existed a hundred years ago has been well supplied and every child must be furnished by his parents or the town with such as are adapted to his capacity or the attainments he has made.

But with all these changes which a century has produced, in expenditure of money and increased facilities for obtaining a good education, the inquiry is often made, "Has there been a corresponding improvement in the schools?" There are individuals, perhaps neighborhoods, possibly whole towns in the state, that have been careless of their personal interest and regardless of their obligation and are still lagging behind, but a general comparison of the schools of the present with those of the past will convince any candid inquirer that their improvement has been equal to that discoverable in any department of human life and labor, and that in these schools may be found the germs of that progress in all beside which is so patent to every accurate observer of what is passing around him.

Many of our children at twelve years of age have more knowledge of Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History and all that is useful and practical in life than the teachers of a hundred, or half the people of our Commonwealth even fifty years ago. But with all this progress our schools, like all beside which bears the impress of human minds and hands, are still imperfect, and it is in the light of increasing knowledge that their imperfections are most distinctly seen.

We are living in a progressive age, and, while we do not believe that all progress is improvement, there has been an impetus given to thought and investigation which we could not control if we would, and would not if we could. There is no veneration for the past; nothing is regarded valuable because it has stood the test of years. Everything is tried in the crucible and re-cast, if it is regarded worth retaining at all. Long established customs

have been broken up, and even on things most sacred vandal hands have often been laid.

In this innovation and change our schools have shared their part. The field of study has been widening, the methods of teaching have been improved. To meet the exigencies of the times, therefore, we need teachers familiar with what they are expected to teach, well acquainted with the most approved methods of instruction, apt to teach, lady-like in deportment, firm in discipline, but as far as possible ruling by the law of love.

Many seem to suppose that it is of little consequence what the qualifications of a teacher are who is expected to instruct children in the rudiments of education; but it should be remembered that these rudiments are the germs from which all future attainments must grow, and that a mistake here must be corrected, or it will prove fatal to all success in after time.

The teacher stands near the source of influence and she has done but half her duty when she closes her book upon the lesson of the hour. There is a moral nature to be cultivated, the amenities of social life to be taught and those elements which constitute human character to be trained in the right direction, and this labor cannot be too carefully performed, this work cannot be too faithfully done.

On a review of the year we are happy to say that in most of our schools the discipline has been good and the proficiency made in the various branches of study pursued never better. In mental and written arithmetic in many instances the progress has been rapid and thorough, and the number is not small in our Ward schools who have already mathematical knowledge enough to fit them for all the ordinary business of life.

A more familiar acquaintance with the geographies, recently introduced to our schools, which were at first considered too difficult, has awakened a deeper interest, and an extensive examination has convinced us that the teaching has been faithful and the study earnest and successful.

In the study of grammar there has been constant improvement from the commencement to the close of the year and a highly commendable degree of attainment made.

More attention than usual has been given during the year to the writing of compositions. We have had some fine

specimens of letter writing and numerous essays on various subjects well written considering the ages and experience of those who wrote them. A large number of prize essays were written during the last term by members of the Peters High School as competitors for two prizes, the first being two dollars for the best, and one dollar for the second best essay on Economy. The prizes were kindly given by Deacon Peter Fay, who must have received his full reward in the productions which they brought forth. Many of them were excellent, nearly all were good. It was difficult to determine to whom the prizes should be awarded. Writing has received its due attention with a degree of success creditable to both teachers and scholars. Many of the books were very neat, marred by no blots and defaced by no erasures and their chirography was exceeded in no instance by their neatness.

Spelling, too, has been a daily exercise in all our schools and the numerous words given at their examinations, many of which were difficult in their syllabic formation, were spelled with remarkable accuracy.

But while we are able to speak of our schools in terms of so much commendation, and while we believe they will compare favorably with those of towns around us, in the qualification of their teachers, methods of instruction, modes of discipline and actual attainment made by the children and youth of whom they are composed, no degree of attainment made by our children should give us perfect satisfaction or induce us to relax our efforts. A future is before them pregnant with events and responsibilities which will demand the best type of character, the greatest amount of knowledge they can obtain and the highest culture we can give.

With all their excellencies our schools have their defects. We think we have discovered a disposition in some scholars to pass too rapidly and imperfectly over the rudiments of the science or study in which they are engaged, to neglect first principles in their progress and so essentially defeat the object they have in view. No individual who neglects the rules of notation and numeration can certainly tell whether his problem is properly written nor what is the amount of the result at which he has arrived when the problem has been solved. Nor can he who does not make himself familiar with the whole subject of fractions ever

perform the problems in which they are so frequently involved in the daily business of life. What is true of arithmetic is also true of reading. We have noticed great anxiety in children to leave the books from which they ought to read for the next higher in the series, and sometimes this desire has been fostered and influenced by parents who have thought their children were making no progress if they were not promoted to a higher class at the commencement of every term. But this haste is often detrimental and sometimes fatal to all real progress. Quality and not quantity, especially in childhood and youth, is what makes the real scholar.

With this fact in mind we have been constantly endeavoring to give proper direction to the instruction and study of our schools. But despite all the injunctions we have given to teachers and all the instruction which time and opportunity would allow us to give to scholars, reading has not yet reached that standard of excellence which your committee have desired. We had hoped that it would never be forgotten by any child or youth that the mere calling of words, however correctly pronounced, if they were standing alone, is not reading, that punctuation is just as essential to good reading as notes are to music, and that there can be no euphony in language which does not convey to the hearer the author's sentiment and give expression to his meaning.

We think that three pages, well read, are worth more in their results to a class, than three hundred pages read in a careless and indifferent manner.

Every lesson in reading should be as thoroughly studied as a lesson in geography or arithmetic, that the right inflections of the voice may be given in its reading.

Turning from our Ward schools to those of higher grade, we are happy to say that the Grammar school has been under the instruction of earnest and faithful teachers during the entire year; that the progress made, in the various branches of study pursued, has been highly commendable, thoroughly convincing us that neither teachers nor scholars have labored in vain.

On the Peters High School a dark shadow has fallen in the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parsons, under whose watchful care, faithful instruction and wholesome discipline this school has been so successful. Such has been their de-

votion to the work in which they have been engaged, their harmonious action with us through all these years in devising and executing the best plans for the interest of the school, together with our personal friendship, that we have accepted their decision with reluctance and released them with deep regret. They have gone out from us attended by the earnest desire of every member of this community for their highest happiness and future prosperity, and their names and deeds will be kept in grateful remembrance by those who have been favored with their instruction for many years to come.

We cannot close this report without commending the town for the very liberal provision which you have made for the education of your children, and congratulating you on the fact that your schools have been a success.

That we may suffer the least possible loss of money raised for schools in future time we cordially invite the full co-operation of every parent and guardian of children with the committee and teachers in the difficult and important work of controlling, directing and instructing your children in whatever pertains to their personal welfare. With such unity of design and effort our schools will soon reach even a higher degree of excellence than they have yet attained.

A. BIGELOW, } *School Committee*  
 JONAS FAY, } *of*  
 H. WILLSON, } *Southboro.*

Southboro, March 10, 1876.

## STATISTICS.

## SPRING TERM.

WARDS.	TEACHERS	Whole No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. Under 5 Years.	No. Over 15 Years.	Length of School in Months.	Wages of Teachers per Month Including Board.
No. 1.	Abbie F. Willson.	51	42			2 3-4	\$40 00
2.	Belle M. Simpson.	21	15			2 1-2	32 00
3.	E. F. Nelson.	60	54	1	3	2 3-4	36 00
	Ada M. Newton, assistant.					2 3-4	24 00
4.	Ella L. Brown.	42	33	2		2 3-4	40 00
5.	Ella M. Fay.	19	15			2 3-4	32 00
6.	Lucy N. Fisher.	11	10			2 3-4	32 00
7, U. D.	Sarah A. Williams.	28	23		1	2 3-4	36 00
7, L. D.	Nellie A. Hyde.	50	37	2		2 3-4	32 00

## FALL TERM.

No. 1.	Abbie F. Willson.	52	48			2 3-4	\$40 00
2.	Belle M. Simpson.	19	15			2 3-4	32 00
3.	I. S. Watkins, I. L. Kinnee.	51	41		1	2 3-4	40 00
4.	Nellie M. Harlow.	39	31			2 3-4	32 00
5.	Ella M. Fay.	19	16			2 3-4	32 00
6.	Lucy N. Fisher.	15	13			2 3-4	32 00
7, U. D.	Sarah A. Williams.	29	26			2 3-4	36 00
7, L. D.	N. A. Hyde, H. J. Harlow.	42	35			2 3-4	32 00

## WINTER TERM.

No. 1.	Abbie F. Willson.	49	40		3		\$40 00
2.	Belle M. Simpson.	23	18		2	3	32 00
3.	I. L. Kinnee.	45	37		2	3	40 00
4.	Nellie M. Harlow.	38	34			3	32 00
5.	Ella M. Fay.	17	14			3	32 00
6.	Lucy N. Fisher.	11	9			3	32 00
7, U. D.	Ella M. Woods.	27	23			3	32 00
7, L. D.	Nellie A. Hyde.	39	36			3	32 00

## Terms.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First,	C. L. Ball.	28	23	1	2 3-4	\$60 00
Second,	" "	33	29	1	2 3-4	48 00
Third,	C. L. Goldthwaite.	34	28	4	3	60 00

## PETERS' HIGH SCHOOL.

First,	Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parsons.	46	40	18	3	\$188 89
Second,	" " "	45	42	12	2 17-20	188 89
Third,	" " "	44	41	19	3	188 89

THIRD ANNUAL

**Auditors' Report**

—OF THE—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

—OF THE—

**TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,**

—FOR THE—

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1877.

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SOUTHBORO :

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1877.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors present herewith their Annual Report, for the year ending February 28, 1877.

*To the Inhabitants of Southborough :—*

We have adopted the arrangement and classification of our last report, trusting it meets your approval, and give you in condensed form the accounts of all town officers for the past year.

The suggestion of Auditors ("Economise") has been carried out, notwithstanding unusual outlay in some departments, consequent upon circumstances beyond control.

We beg leave to repeat the suggestive word, *economise*.

The following reports of town officers have been severally examined and approved by

Yours respectfully,

O. L. GRIDLEY, }  
JONAS FAY, } *Auditors.*

Southborough, March 10th, 1877.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen present herewith their report for the year ending February 28th, 1877.

Paid, Selectmen, Salaries,	\$125 00
"    Perambulating lines,	2 50
School Committee Salary,	180 00
Overseers of Poor, " "	50 00
Assessors, " "	234 00
"    meeting Tax Commissioner,	4 70
Treasurer, Salary,	50 00
"    Traveling expenses,	8 50
Collector, Salary,	100 00
Auditor, Salary,	20 60
"    Traveling expenses,	1 90
"    Printing Town Reports,	50 00
Town Clerk, traveling expenses, stationery, &c.,	20 00
"    "    Printing & express,	7 50
"    "    Return of Deaths,	5 50
"    "    Recording Births, Marriages and Deaths,	20 40
Constables,	22 00
"    Town Warrants,	28 50
"    Notifying Town Officers,	3 00
"    "    Dog owners,	5 00
Memorial Day Bill,	98 90
Fay Library Bills,	89 90
Town House Committee,	137 86
"    "    Repairs,	11 55
Cemetery Bills,	86 10
Ringin' Bell,	1 25
Postage and Stationery,	9 23

Mrs. Ann Leonard Guardianship,	26 00
Guide Boards and Repairs,	22 39
Town Records, Binding & Copying,	81 40
Road Commissioners, 1876, Grain. Shoeing & Repairs,	20 00
Stone Monuments,	3 30
Roads & Bridges, Incidental,	576 50
Highway Bills,	1825 65
Snow     "     "	697 49

Whole amount of orders drawn, \$4626 62

Respectfully Submitted,

Wm. H. BUCK,	}	Selectmen of Southboro.
F. W. HAYDEN,		
C. J. HOOPER,		

## STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

District.		Appropriation.		Expended	
No. 1.	F. A. Winchester,	Road Bills,	\$358 19	\$319 37	
		Snow	"	86 29	
2.	Wm. Jennison,	Road	105 69	105 50	
		Snow	"	32 20	
3.	Horace Nichols,	Road	125 50	125 50	
		Snow	"	85 57	
4.	Joseph Lowell,	Road	247 16	135 84	
		Snow	"	63 61	
5.	B. H. Fay,	Road	104 78	104 35	
		Snow	"	17 78	
6.	Curtis Woods,	Road	227 40	227 40	
		Snow	"	41 11	
7.	Nahum Newton,	Road	250 51	250 51	
		Snow	"	20 95	
8.	C. B. Sawin,	Road	155 27	147 81	
		Snow	"	41 68	
9.	E. D. Rockwood,	Road	100 06	88 50	
		Snow	"	16 68	
10	I. G. Howe,	Road	72 87	68 45	
		Snow	"	55 67	
11	A. F. Johnson,	Road	105 23	105 10	
		Snow	"	49 84	
12	Chas. L. Johnson,	Road	113 67	113 65	
		Snow,	"	77 89	
13	A. J. Newton,	Road	33 67	33 67	
		Snow	"	108 22	
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			\$2000 00	\$2523 14	

# SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

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The Committee on Sale of Town Property submit the following report :

Amt. Recd. for 2 Horses.	\$345 00
.. 2 Carts.	72 00
.. Hay.	50 79
.. Tools.	73 58
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	\$541 37
Expenses of sale.	15 59
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Amount paid Town Treasurer,	\$525 78

CURTIS NEWTON, for the Com.

Feb. 28. 1877.

# *SCHOOL EXPENSE REPORT.*

## WARD 1.

Paid A. F. Willson, teaching 33 w'ks,	\$330 00
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## WARD 2.

Paid E. L. Brown, teaching 32 4-5 w'ks,	\$262 40
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## WARD 3.

Paid J. Kinnee, 19 weeks,	\$190 00
N. A. Hyde, 2 weeks,	20 00
W. S. Bigelow, 12 weeks,	120 00
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	\$330 00

## WARD 4.

Paid N. M. Harlow, 33 weeks,	\$264 00
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## WARD 5.

Paid E. M. Fay, 11 weeks,	\$88 00
L. N. Fisher, 22 weeks,	176 00
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	\$264 00

## WARD 6.

Paid L. N. Fisher, 9 weeks,	\$63 00
N. A. Hyde, 11 weeks,	87 00
S. A. Williams, 11 4-5 weeks,	94 40
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	\$244 40

## WARD 7.

Paid S. A. Williams, 21 weeks,	\$179 00
N. A. Hyde, 12 weeks,	96 00
E. M. Fay, 22 weeks,	176 00
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	\$451 00

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid L. M. Sibley, 11 weeks,	\$132 00	
S. F. Blodget, 24 weeks,	360 00	
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## HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid R. S. Dentfield,	\$1000 00	
C. B. Clifford, 27 1-2 weeks,	330 00	
L. Chamberlain, 10 weeks,	120 00	
Mrs. Holmes (music),	5 00	1,455 00
	<hr/>	\$4,092 80

Fuel and preparing same,	\$273 20	
Care of fires,	120 90	
Cleansing,	31 88	425 00
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Orders drawn,		\$4,518 78

## INCIDENTALS.

Books,	\$143 06	
Repairs,	449 75	
Rent of Piano,	10 00	
Painting,	219 63	
Sundries,	20 18	
Stage bill,	118 46	
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Orders drawn,		961 08
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Total amount orders drawn,		\$5,479 86
Salaries of School Committee,		180 00
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		\$5,659 86
Received from State fund,	\$207 43	
Dog money,	99 88	
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		307 31
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Total expense of Schools,		\$5,352 55

## STATEMENT.

Appropriation.	\$4,500 00
Amount received as above.	307 31
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	\$4,807 31

DEXTER NEWTON,

*Sec. School Com.*

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor present herewith their report for the year ending February 28, 1877.

## FULLY SUPPORTED.

Solomon B. Newton,	\$209 64
Emerson Woodbury,	160 74
Emery Goulding,	180 39
Alonzo F. Stone,	224 64
Lovely Bird,	214 90
George S. Fay,	155 50

## PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

## No in Family.

Mrs. J. F. Hobbs,	3	\$67 15
Hannah J. Robinson,	1	28 12
Joseph Raymond,	5	61 55
Stowel St. Peters,	7	305 87
Martha Davis,	5	127 00
Elizabeth Gleason,	4	115 19
Cornelius Sheehan,	1	4 20
Mrs. Francis Bird,	4	234 43
Mrs. Rowena Greenwood,	2	199 66
Edward Sawyer,	3	74 27
George M. Brigham,	3	39 54
Patrick Fitzgerald,	3	149 44
Mrs. Chas. F. Newton,	3	126 15
Lois St. George,	1	19 20
Mrs. Garfield,	2	8 95
Thomas F. Riley,	9	15 00
Rosa White,	1	12 00
Maud S. Johnson,	1	58 50
Elliott Clafin,	1	2 00
Mrs. Norbery,	3	12 50
Provisions &c., for 583 Tramps,		55 53
Curtis Woods, care		115 00
Stationery,		2 35

Whole amount of orders drawn,

\$2,979 41

Received of Commonwealth,	\$20 57	
Milford,	120 11	
Worcester,	12 00	
Westboro,	5 31	157 99
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		\$2,821 42
Depreciation in value of bedding &c.,	\$5 00	
Services of Overseers,	50 00	
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	\$55 00	55 00
Actual expenditures,		<hr/>
		\$2,876 42

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS WOODS,	}	<i>Overseers of Poor.</i>
O. L. GRIDLEY,		
O. P. WALKER,		

The Tramps in charge of Curtis Woods, have worked 316 hours upon the highways.

*MEMORIAL DAY.*

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The Memorial Day Committee present herewith their annual report.

Paid Printing and express,	\$ 4 50
Flags,	1 20
Orator,	15 00
Flowers,	12 00
Band,	35 00
Transportation,	31 20
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	\$98 90

F. E. DAY, *for Com.*

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Cemetery Committee present herewith their report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1877 :

Paid Henry Newton's Bill,	\$58 10
James Maley, laying wall, Old Cemetery,	12 00
Nahum Newton, mowing Grass,	10 00
John Maley's Bill,	6 00
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	\$86 10

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. BUCK,	} Com.
FRANKLIN ESTE,	
FITCH A. WINCHESTER.	

## STATE AID.

Paid during the year ending Feb. 28, 1877.

Edward McKnight,	\$168 00
Anna B. Bellows,	48 00
John A. Hunt,	48 00
George Brown,	72 00
Ann Leonard,	4 00
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Total Amount from State,	\$340 00

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. ESTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTHBORO FROM FEB. 29, 1876, TO MAR. 1, 1877.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance in Treasury, Feb. 29, 1876,	\$5,348 29	By Cash paid Town Debt and Interest,	\$3,959 50
Received of State Treas., Corporation Tax,	256 81	" " Temporary Loan and Interest,	2,500 00
" " " State Aid,	362 70	" " State Tax,	1,386 00
" " " Nat'l Bank Tax,	773 94	" " County Tax,	933 67
" " " School Fund,	207 43	" " Orders of Selectmen,	4,626 62
" County " Dog Money,	199 76	" " " School Committee,	5,479 86
" Temporary Loan,	2,465 83	" " " Overseers of Poor,	2,979 41
" Seven Lots in Cemetery,	44 00	" " " State Aid,	340 00
" of Town of Milford, Paupers,	120 11	" " L. W. Newton, Trustee Fay Library,	99 88
" " Wesboro,	5 31	Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1877,	3,503 61
" City Worcester,	12 00		
" State Treasurer,	20 57		
" Road Commissioners,	525 78		
" Town Hall Committee,	176 75		
" for use of Lock-up,	4 75		
" Collector,	15,284 52		
	<u>\$25,808 55</u>		<u>\$25,808 55</u>

Southborough, Feb. 28, 1877.

F. ESTE, Treasurer.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

F. ESTE, Collector, in account with the town of Southboro from Feb. 29,  
1876 to March 1, 1877.

**Dr.**

To uncollected taxes for 1870,	\$13 28
"      "      "      1872,	5 00
"      "      "      1874,	27 34
"      "      "      1875,	20 86
"      "      "      1876,	15,946 11
Interest on Taxes,	33 99
	<hr/> \$16,046 58

**Cr.**

By cash paid Treasurer Taxes of 1872,	5 00
"      "      "      1874,	6 93
"      "      "      1875,	5 20
"      "      "      1876,	15,267 39
By Abatement 1870,	13 28
"      "      "      1874,	13 00
"      "      "      1875,	7 86
"      "      "      1876,	16 70
By Uncollected 1874,	7 41
"      "      "      1875,	7 80
"      "      "      1876,	98 20
By Discount on Taxes 1876,	597 81
	<hr/> \$16,046 58

F. ESTE, Collector,

Southboro, Feb. 28, 1877.

## LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES MARCH 1, 1877.

**Tax 1874.**

J. Savior,	-	-	-	-	-	\$2 60
G. H. Winchester,	-	-	-	-	-	- 4 81
						<hr/> \$7 41

**Tax 1875.**

C. Harper,	-	-	-	-	-	2 60
N. Pelican,	-	-	-	-	-	- 2 60
A. Rice,	-	-	-	-	-	2 60
						<hr/> 7 80

**Tax 1876.**

Pico Albee,	-	-	-	-	-	- 2 00
D. A. Chamberlain,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
C. Foster,	-	-	-	-	-	- 2 00
C. Harper,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
J. D. Heety,	-	-	-	-	-	- 2 00
Win. Libbey,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
P. McNiff,	-	-	-	-	-	- 2 00
Frank Young,	-	-	-	-	-	2 29
Osgood,	-	-	-	-	-	- 8 55
M. V. Deland,	-	-	-	-	-	2 57
N. B. Onthank,	-	-	-	-	-	- 57
P. M. Donough, (balance)	-	-	-	-	-	24 97
O. B. Buck,	-	-	-	-	-	- 2 86
Sylvester Fay, (balance)	-	-	-	-	-	38 08
E. N. Onthank, (balance)	-	-	-	-	-	- 4 31
						<hr/> \$98 20

## TOWN DEBT AND ASSETS.

Statement of Town Debt and Assets Feb. 28, 1876.

Town debt funded,	\$30,000 00	
on demand,	2,500 00	
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	\$32,500 00	
Interest to Feb 28, 1877.	823 00	
	<hr/>	\$33,323 00

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes,	\$113 41	
Cash in treasury,	3,503 61	
Amount due from State, (State aid),	452 00	4,069 02
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		\$29,253 98
Indebtedness, Feb. 29, 1876.	\$29,314 91	

## TRUSTEES FAY LIBRARY.

The Trustees of Fay Library present this their report for the year ending Feb 28, 1877.

Whole number of Volumes in Library,	3,608
Delivered the past year,	9,188
Average number delivered weekly,	177
Increase of number delivered over last year,	733
Greatest number delivered in one week,	213
“ “ “ to one family,	283
Increase of books the last year,	125
Number of books lost,	2
Number of books donated to Library,	5
“ “ not returned,	29
Amount of fines collected,	\$28 15

Respectfully submitted,

DEXTER NEWTON, Sec.

## TREASURER FAY LIBRARY.

The Treasurer Fay Library herewith presents his Report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1877.

**Dr.**

To Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1876,	\$1719 45
Cash received of F. Este, interest,	100 00
"    "    "    "    Dog Money,	99 88
"    "    "    Librarian, fines,	28 15
	<hr/> \$1,947 48

**Cr.**

By Cash paid for books, May 13, 1876,	\$102 96
"    "    "    "    May 25, "	34 60
"    "    "    "    "    "    "	1 50
"    "    "    "    Feb. 13, 1877,	11 00
"    "    "    "    Feb. 20, "	153 52
	<hr/> 303 58
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 28, 1877,	1643 90
	<hr/> \$1,947 48

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. NEWTON, Treasurer.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT, MAY 1, 1876.

Town Grant,	13,000 00
State Tax,	1,386 00
County Tax,	933 67
Overlaying corrected,	626 44
Total Tax raised,	<u>\$15,946 11</u>

## VALUATION.

Personal Estate Taxed,	\$263,271
Real Estate Taxed,	1050,142
Total amount,	<u>\$1,313,413</u>
No. Polls Taxed,	488
Rate of Taxation, \$11 40 per thousand,	
Tax on Polls,	\$976
Total No. Dwelling Houses Taxed,	383 1-2
Horses,	301
Cows,	832
Sheep,	1
Acres land Taxed,	9492 19-32

DEXTER NEWTON,	} Assessors of Southborough.
F. A. DORR,	
BENJ. F. PIERCE.	

## LIST OF JURORS.

We propose and recommend the following named persons as Jurors:

Addison F. Johnson,  
 Benj. F. Pierce,  
 Benj. F. Prentiss,  
 John W. Hammond,  
 Geo. C. Harlow,  
 Forrest E. Day,  
 Sullivan F. Pike,  
 Wm. P. Wilson,  
 Henry H. Newton,  
 O. L. Gridley,  
 L. C. Newton,  
 Benj. Davis,  
 W. H. Watson,  
 Dexter Newton,  
 C. S. Williams,  
 Richardson Goddard.

Harrison Neal,  
 Warren Parmenter,  
 Samuel Taft,  
 B. S. Proctor,  
 John A. Page,  
 Sylvester Fay,  
 John F. Wright,  
 Jonas Fay,  
 W. J. C. Hobbs,  
 F. J. Stevens,  
 H. F. Webster,  
 L. W. Newton,  
 Francis Fisher,  
 A. J. Newton,  
 Chas. L. Johnson,

WM. H. BUCK, } *Selectmen*  
 F. W. HAYDEN, } *of*  
 C. J. HOOPER, } *Southborough.*

Southborough, Feb. 28, 1877.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

The Town Clerk herewith presents his annual report.

<i>Births Registered</i> —Males, - - - - -	11
Females, - - - - -	12
	<hr/> 23
<i>Marriages Registered</i> , - - - - -	15
<i>Deaths Registered</i> —Males, - - - - -	14
Females, - - - - -	15
	<hr/> 29

## DEATHS.

DATE.	NAME.	Years.	Months.	Days.
1876.				
Jan. 1	Martha Newton.....	83	11	
" 11	George Haven.....	3	15	8
" 12	Edward M. Fay.....	1	6	3
" 15	Sally Jennison.....	77	10	12
" 24	Esther Walkup.....	87	8	26
Feb. 28	Ambrose L. Mitchell.....	4	5	5
Mar. 7	Maggie C. Libby.....	3	1	
" 12	Pierpont D. Brigham.....	59	8	4
Apr. 11	Eugene A. Chamberlain.....	31		8
May 4	Roxa A. Fredericks.....	57	7	18
" 6	Mary S. Fisher.....	88	5	15
June 30	Mary J. Fay.....	26		17
July 11	Edward H. Brigham.....	2	2	12
" 30	Harriet M. Brown.....	30	7	8
" "	Patrick McDonough.....	49		
Aug. 4	Mary J. Neary.....	4	9	24
" 12	Caroline E. Eames.....	32	9	20
" 26	Nellie M. Brown.....		6	16
" 27	Albert R. Webber.....		4	
" 29	—Lowell.....			
Sept. 6	Russell Newton.....	77	10	12
" "	Maria Savage.....			
" 9	Albena Currier.....		4	13
" 15	Gilbert Burlingame.....		2	13
Oct. 3	Jonathan G. Eames, Jr.....		1	25
" 25	George S. Fay.....	20	6	
Nov. 27	Nathan Bruce.....	84	7	19
Dec. 25	Bridget Bagley.....	46		
" "	Mary Sullivan.....	42		

## DOGS LICENSED.

Whole number, 126. Males, 120. Females, 6. Amount paid County Treasurer, \$244.80.

F. ESTE, *Town Clerk.*

## TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The Town House Committee present herewith their report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1877.

**Dr.**

To cash received for rent of Hall,	\$176 75
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**Cr.**

By cash paid for Wood,	35 00
Gasoline,	29 63
Kerosene,	73
C. Hyde (Janitor),	72 50
Treasurer,	38 89
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	\$176 75
Wood and Gasoline on hand Feb. 28th, 1877,	\$40 00
" " " 29th, 1876,	34 00

CURTIS HYDE,	} Committee.
H. F. WEBSTER,	
I. G. HOWE,	

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

School Committee

—OF—

SOUTHBOROUGH,

FOR THE YEAR 1876-77.

## REPORT.

*Fellow Citizens :---*

The progress of time has brought us to the close of another fiscal year, and in obedience to the behest of law and custom, your School Committee respectfully present the following report. In doing so it would be gratifying to us to say that our schools are all that we could wish or you desire : but while we think they will compare very favorably with those of towns about us, they have not yet attained the highest degree of excellence, they are not already perfect, nor in a progressive age like this, can we expect they will ever arrive at a standard from which there can be no advance.

The means which you have provided for the support of these schools, indicate the interest you feel in the welfare of your children and afford privileges which many of them seem eager to improve.

But the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong, there may sometimes be obstacles to the progress of the child and discouragements which prevent the youth from reaching his own ideal of what he ought to be and would be if these discouragements did not exist.

They may be found in the limited time during which he is permitted to attend school, or circumstances by means of which even that brief time may be broken up.

The loss of a single day breaks in upon the arrangements for the term, the loss of a single lesson interrupts the progress of the scholar in the course of study he pursues. Special care should be taken therefore, that no absence occur which ordinary precaution could prevent, so that if there be less progress made by a pupil in a given term

than it was reasonable to expect, the cause may not be found in a want of opportunity to avail himself of all the privileges which the school affords.

There have been special reasons during the past winter why the attendance at school could not have been quite as constant as in some former terms, and yet, after making all due allowance for sickness, storms and bad traveling, we cannot avoid the conviction that greater care on the part of some parents would have made the attendance more complete.

With no design of sacrificing the interest of the schools to a principle of political economy, in the appointment of teachers, we have given the preference, other things being equal, to young ladies of our own town, and have found them faithful and efficient workers. The discipline of the schools committed to their care has been good and the proficiency made in the branches of study pursued in nearly every instance very commendable.

Believing that hasty and superficial study unfits the mind for thorough investigation, our instruction to teachers has invariably been, whatever the amount of work performed in school may be, let what is done be well done.

Ten pages well read are worth more to the pupil than volumes carelessly perused; twenty examples in arithmetic understandingly performed are worth more than a thousand imperfectly understood.

In reading, writing, spelling, grammar, geography and arithmetic there has been marked and decided progress made from the commencement to the close of the year, and it has been as great as the ages and capacities of the pupils would allow us to expect.

Most of the writing books have been neatly kept and the chirography in many of them would be creditable to persons of mature age. In a word we may say that our Ward schools have been a success, in view of which not only every parent, but every well wisher to the community where he dwells and to the country to which he belongs, may well rejoice.

It sometimes seems desirable to transfer a teacher from one school to another for reasons which are satisfactory to

the Committee but which may not always be obvious to others. She may be a good teacher, but better adapted to one school than another: there may be something in the locality of the school more favorable to one teacher than another, there may be on the part of certain parents a desire for a change which would be likely to affect her success unfavorably, or something in the disposition of some one or more pupils in the school, which requires the presence of one who can command obedience. For this reason, *only*, we have in one of our schools supplied the place of a good female teacher, who dreaded the recurrence of insubordination, with a male teacher; the insubordination occurred but was immediately subdued.

For reasons somewhat similar, a like change was made in the grammar school. For some time it had been difficult for a lady to maintain such discipline in the school as it seemed desirable should exist.

A very considerable number of persons in the south part of the town having expressed their preference for a male teacher, and a majority of the Committee believing that the interest of the school required the change, after due deliberation resolved to make it.

This school was taught the first term of the year by Miss L. M. Sibley, a very estimable young lady, well qualified to teach, who, by her courteous manner and faithful instruction won the esteem of every member of the Committee, but by reason of her youth and consequent lack of experience, she failed to keep the school, at all times under the most perfect control and our contract with her having expired by limitation, we secured the services of Mr. S. F. Blodgett, a graduate of Yale College, for the remainder of the year. Mr. Blodgett has made himself very acceptable to the people of that part of the town *socially*, to the Committee and to the school which has been under his care, as an earnest and faithful teacher and has thus shown himself worthy of our hearty commendation.

The resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, imposed on us the difficult task of providing suitable teachers for the Peters High School. Several gentlemen were recommended, some of whom we should have been glad to employ, but

for various reasons their services could not be secured. Several applications were made by gentlemen just completing their college course, among whom was Mr. Robert E. Denfeld, and after diligent inquiry where he was best known, in regard to his moral character, executive ability and aptness to teach, and receiving the fullest commendations therefrom, together with unqualified testimonials from the Professors of Amherst College of which he is a graduate, we contracted with him for one year at a salary of one thousand dollars, and we have not been disappointed. He has proved himself to be an earnest and faithful teacher, a good disciplinarian, secured the respect of parents and won the affection of his pupils, not by indulgence but by inspiring them with enthusiasm and leading them on to higher attainments in that knowledge which will prepare them for ornaments in society and fit them for the work of life.

It was found necessary, as in former years, to employ an assistant teacher in this school and we secured the services of Miss Cynthia B. Clifford, whose long experience and high reputation left no room to doubt that her success would be complete. She gave herself enthusiastically to her work and secured for herself the highest encomiums of those who knew her best and could best appreciate the amount and value of the labor which she performed.

But we were destined to be disappointed, our earliest fears were realized; she was obliged to yield her purpose, her place and her life, to the relentless power of disease. By her death the school have lost an able teacher, earnestly and untiringly devoted to her work, the circle of society in which she moved one of its brightest ornaments, and her personal friends one who had endeared herself to them by a thousand unobtrusive acts of kindness and love, which will render her memory fragrant for long years to come.

She was succeeded by Miss Laura B. Chamberlain, a graduate of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, whose former experience in the Ward schools of the town was a guarantee of her success, and though the term was somewhat advanced when she entered the school, her work has been very faithfully and successfully performed.

But with all the means provided for the support of schools, the success that has attended the efforts made for their improvement, and the foreshadowing of better things to come, there are some in almost every community who still cling to the obsolete idea that to be able to read and write, together with a little knowledge of arithmetic, is quite sufficient for their children; but who can tell to what positions their children may be called and from how many mortifications and petty annoyances they will be saved by a good education?

That utilitarianism which would limit education to the least possible degree which will meet the demands of the narrowest practical life, is among the things that have been, and the earnest endeavors of a progressive age are leaving it every year farther behind. No wise man will ignore or reject that which is useful simply because it is old, but the combined wisdom of the age is seeking for something that is higher and better in all departments of life's great pursuits and nowhere is this more distinctly seen than in the education of the young, both in the things to be learned and the manner in which they are taught.

If old subjects are retained they are often supplemented by something new, and if old methods of instruction fail to produce the best results, new and more approved methods are sought out. A more thorough preparation is constantly demanded of the teacher, and a closer application on the part of those that are taught.

It is not merely the amount of knowledge which may be imparted and received which we should seek to secure, but a firm basis of moral principle and intellectual strength on which a superstructure of an earnest and honest life may be reared. Let the pupil be instructed in right principles of moral action, let his mental powers be well adjusted, let him be taught how to study and how to think, let a laudable ambition be awakened within him and the highest object of early education cannot fail to be secured.

While we regard the year as signally prosperous and our schools a success, it has not passed without its peculiar perplexities and trials.

The difference of opinion which existed in town in re-

gard to the transportation of scholars from Southville and Cordaville to the Peters High School, the rescinding of the vote whereby means had been provided for defraying the expense of such transportation, leaving us with a contract which we could not annul, and which we had no means to fulfill, thus involving the necessity of another Town meeting that we might be instructed what to do in regard to said contract, together with the resignation of Mr. Willson as a member of our Board, disturbed for a time the quiet harmony with which our labors had usually been performed.

The Selectmen and School Committee, at a meeting called for that purpose, appointed Mrs. E. B. B. Fay to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Willson, till the next annual town meeting.

The incidental expenses of the schools have been considerably larger the past year than we anticipated.

When we had nearly completed the repairs which we expected to make for the year, it was discovered that the vaults at the High school house had been so impaired by frost, that new walls must be immediately built around them to prevent further destruction of property.

A thorough examination of the furnace revealed the fact that it was so dilapidated that it could not be longer used, as it then was, without endangering the house and rendering the insurance thereon void; to repair it would cost nearly half as much as a new furnace and it was deemed advisable to remove it and put a new one in its place. We think the house can now be heated with little or no additional expense for stoves.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. BIGELOW,	} <i>School Committee</i>
DEXTER NEWTON,	
E. B. B. FAY,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Southboro.</i>

Southboro, March 10, 1877.

## STATISTICS.

## SPRING TERM.

WARDS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. Under 5 Years.	No. Over 15 Years.	Length of School in Months.	Wages of Teachers per Month.
No. 1.	Abbie F. Willson.	50	37.74			2 3-4	\$ 40 00
2.	Ella L. Brown.	21	16			2 3-4	32 00
3.	Isabella L. Kinnee.	49	42.6			2 3-4	40 60
4.	Helen M. Harlow.	38	31.31	1		2 3-4	32 00
5.	Ella M. Fay.	21	18.74			2 3-4	32 00
6.	Lucy N. Fisher.	14	12.80			2 1-2	28 00
7.	Sarah A. Williams.	59	51.27	4		2 3-4	32 00
FALL TERM.							
No. 1.	Abbie F. Willson.	42	36.42		1	2 1-2	40 00
2.	Ella L. Brown.	27	20.5			2 1-2	32 00
3.	Isabella L. Kinnee.	40	36			2 1-2	40 00
4.	Helen M. Harlow.	41	33.75	1		2 1-2	32 00
5.	Lucy N. Fisher.	18	16.95			2 1 2	32 00
6.	Nellie A. Hyde.	17	14.60			2 1-2	32 00
7, L. D.	Ella M. Fay.	33	30 —	2		2 1-2	32 00
7, U. D.	Sarah A. Williams.	22	18.76			2 1-2	32 00
WINTER TERM.							
No. 1.	Abbie F. Willson.	28	21.03			3	40 00
2.	Ella L. Brown.	23	17.3		1	2 37-40	32 00
3.	William S. Bigelow.	47	31.15	1	1	3	40 00
4.	Helen M. Harlow.	42	32.44	1	1	3	32 00
5.	Lucy N. Fisher.	17	14.95			3	32 00
6.	Sarah A. Williams.	13	8.5			2 37-40	32 00
7, L. D.	Ella M. Fay.	34	24 —	1		3	32 00
7, U. D.	Nellie A. Hyde.	27	23			3	32 00
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.							
Fall.	Samuel F. Blodgett.	36	26			2 3-4	60 00
Winter.	Samuel F. Blodgett.	39	33			2 1-2	60 00
PETERS' HIGH SCHOOL.							
First.	R. E. Denfield.	69	64		32	3	105 26
	Cynthia B. Clifford.						48 00
Second.	R. E. Denfield.	56	53.91		30	3	105 26
	Cynthia B. Clifford.						48 00
Third.	R. E. Denfield.	52	47.34		35	3 1-2	105 26
	Cynthia B. Clifford.						48 00

FOURTH ANNUAL  
AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1878.

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BOSTON:

ALBERT J. WRIGHT, PRINTER, 79 MILK STREET  
(CORNER OF FEDERAL).

1878.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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The Auditors present herewith their Annual Report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1878.

*To the inhabitants of Southborough:—*

We submit the following statements of the receipts and expenditures for the past year, in as detailed and yet concise a form as possible.

We have made a thorough examination of all the bills, vouchers, orders, accounts, and books of the various committees and officers having moneyed transactions with the town, and have found them correctly cast, approved, and vouched.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. W. NEWTON,  
CURTIS NEWTON,  
B. F. PRENTISS,

*Auditors.*

# INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY, *March 1, 1878.*

On Town-house, in Quincy Mutual Insurance Co., policy expires Feb. 17, 1881, . . .	\$3,000 00	
in Fitchburg Mut'l Insurance Co., policy expires March 1, 1880, . . .	3,000 00	
in Royal Ins. Co. of Liverpool, policy expires March 1, 1880, . . .	2,000 00	
in Worcester Mut'l Insurance Co., policy expires March 1, 1881, . . .	2,000 00	
in Merchants' and Farmers' Ins. Co., policy expires Mar. 1, 1880, . . .	2,000 00	
in London Assurance Co., policy expires Nov. 14, 1882, . . .	2,000 00	
in London Assurance Co., on li- brary, . . . . .	750 00	
in London Assurance Co., on piano, . . .	100 00	
in London Assurance Co., on furni- ture, . . . . .	500 00	
in North America Insurance Co., policy expires Nov. 14, 1882, . . .	2,000 00	
in North America Insurance Co., library, . . . . .	750 00	
in North America Insurance Co., piano, . . . . .	100 00	
in North America Insurance Co., furniture and gas fixtures, . . .	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$18,700 00
Grammar-school house, Worcester Mutual Ins. Co., policy expires Oct. 1, 1879, . . . . .	\$1,500 00	
Grammar-school house fixtures, . . . . .	100 00	
	<hr/>	1,600 00
Peters High School, Worcester Mutual Ins. Co., pol- icy expires Dec. 1, 1879, . . . . .	1,500 00	
Fitchburg Mutual Ins. Co., pol- icy expires Dec. 1, 1879, . . . . .	1,500 00	
District Schools, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, \$1,000 each, policy expires March 1, 1880, . . . . .	6,000 00	
No. 2, . . . . .	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$29,900 00

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

F. ESTE, *Collector, in account with the TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH, from  
Feb. 28, 1877, to March 1, 1878.*

DR.				
To uncollected taxes for 1874,	.	.	.	\$7 41
for 1875,	.	.	.	7 80
for 1876,	.	.	.	98 20
for 1877,	.	.	.	15,488 24
Interest on taxes, . . . . .	.	.	.	60 83
				<hr/> \$15,662 48

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By cash paid Treasurer, taxes, 1874, . . . . .	.	.	.	\$7 41
interest, 1874, . . . . .	.	.	.	1 48
taxes, 1875, . . . . .	.	.	.	2 60
taxes, 1876, . . . . .	.	.	.	93 34
interest, 1876, . . . . .	.	.	.	6 16
taxes, 1877, . . . . .	.	.	.	15,237 88
interest, 1877, . . . . .	.	.	.	53 19
				<hr/> \$15,402 06
By abatement of taxes, 1877, . . . . .	.	.	.	\$33 92
uncollected taxes, 1875, . . . . .	.	.	.	5 20
1876, . . . . .	.	.	.	4 86
1877, . . . . .	.	.	.	216 44
				<hr/> 260 42
				<hr/> \$15,662 48

F. ESTE, *Collector.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1878.

Dr. F. ESTE, TREASURER, *in account with the Town of Southborough, from Feb. 28, 1877, to March 1, 1878.* Cr.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 28, 1877, . . . . .	\$3,503 61	By cash paid Town Debt, . . . . .	\$1,000 00
Received Temporary Loan, . . . . .	5,920 12	Interest on Town Debt, . . . . .	1,919 50
for nine lots in Cemetery, . . . . .	20 00	Temporary Loan and Interest, . . . . .	6,000 00
of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, . . . . .	139 65	State Tax, . . . . .	1,155 00
of State Treasurer, National Bank, . . . . .	821 09	County Tax, . . . . .	1,493 88
of State Treasurer, State Aid, . . . . .	396 00	Orders of Selectmen, . . . . .	4,077 20
of State Treasurer, School Fund, . . . . .	193 19	Orders of School Committee, . . . . .	5,302 38
of State Treasurer, paupers, . . . . .	34 43	Orders of Overseers of the Poor, . . . . .	2,762 77
of County Treasurer, dog money, . . . . .	182 65	State Aid, . . . . .	286 00
of Town of Milford, paupers, . . . . .	33 86	L. W. Newton, Treasurer Fay Library, . . . . .	91 32
of Town of Sutton, paupers, . . . . .	12 50	State Treasurer, paupers, . . . . .	13 00
of Town of Westborough, paupers, . . . . .	3 62	State Treasurer, Bank and Corpora- tion Tax, . . . . .	36 87
of Town of Hopkinton, bridge, . . . . .	10 87	By balance in Treasury, March 1, 1878, . . . . .	2,697 71
of H. F. Webster, lumber, . . . . .	50		
of E. Clafin, . . . . .	2 00		
of Town Hall Committee, . . . . .	129 00		
for grass and gravel, . . . . .	5 48		
of D. W. Mitchell, for land, . . . . .	25 00		
of Collector, . . . . .	15,402 06		
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	\$26,835 63		\$26,835 63

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SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1878.

F. ESTE, *Treasurer.*

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen present herewith their report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1878 :—

Selectmen's salaries, . . . . .	\$125 00
School Committees' salaries, . . . . .	180 00
Overseers of Poor, . . . . .	50 00
Assessors—Dexter Newton, . . . . .	99 00
O. L. Gridley, . . . . .	88 50
B. F. Peirce, . . . . .	60 00
for postage and stationery, . . . . .	5 21
expense to Boston to see Commis-	
sioners, . . . . .	3 70
Treasurer, salary, . . . . .	50 00
express and travelling, . . . . .	11 00
Collector's salary, . . . . .	150 00
Town Clerk, salary and expenses, stationery,	
etc., . . . . .	20 00
for recording births, marriages,	
and deaths, . . . . .	31 60
Insurance on town-house, . . . . .	204 00
Auditor's reports, printing, . . . . .	49 50
services, O. L. Gridley, . . . . .	19 50
" Jonas Fay, . . . . .	15 00
incidentals, . . . . .	4 40
Constables—F. W. Walker, services, . . . . .	9 12
F. W. Walker, notifying town offi-	
cers, . . . . .	9 20
F. W. Walker, posting town-war-	
rants, . . . . .	14 00
Police, A. A. Andrews, services, . . . . .	1 20
<i>Amount carried forward, . . . . .</i>	<u>\$1,199 93</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,199 93
Decoration Committee,	100 00
F. A. Dorr, making watering-place at Cordaville,	13 00
Selectmen, for repairs at Cordaville Bridge,	23 79
Dexter Newton, selling land at Cordaville,	6 00
Repairs on town-house, Bradley & Brigham,	17 50
Work at cemetery by Henry Newton,	75 45
Repairing glass in hearse by Henry Newton,	2 25
Pratt Brothers, for printing voting-list,	12 87
F. W. Walker & O. P. Walker, repairs on scrapper,	4 85
J. O. Brine, for relaying bridge at Southville,	25 00
L. L. Long, work on culvert,	7 50
F. A. Dorr, for putting up railings,	18 16
Repairs on guide-boards,	3 47
Work on common,	3 75
Books, express, and stationery,	2 06
Town-house Committee, care of hall and light,	99 42
repairs on town-house,	9 80

## FAY LIBRARY BILLS.

J. A. Page, repairs,	17 40
L. W. Newton, bills binding books and cata- logues,	27 06
covering paper and repairs on clock,	16 50
for feather duster,	3 25
Francena E. Buck, work and help,	54 00
as librarian,	60 00
covering books and care of fires,	13 00
Pratt Bros., for printing catalogues and binding books,	104 45
G. F. Barneys, repairs,	3 25
Joseph Lowell, for work on highway, March, 1877; approved, 1877,	62 15
P. McMahon, snow bill of 1874,	5 40
J. Lowell, snow bill of 1876,	3 70

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*Amount carried forward,* \$1,994 96

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	.	\$1,994 96
Thomas Bagley, snow bill of 1876 and 1877,	.				10 00
Highway bills for 1877,	.	.	.	.	1,787 78
Snow bills for 1877 and 1878,	.	.	.	.	284 46
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					\$4,077 20

Paid to Town Treasurer for Hopkinton's share of

Cordaville Bridge,	.	10 87
for grass and gravel,	.	5 48

F. A. WINCHESTER,

C. B. SAWIN,

J. N. HAMMOND,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

## STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

District.	N A M E S .	Bills.	Appropriations.	Expended.
No. 1,	F. A. Winchester, . .	Road, . Snow, .	\$330 08 -	\$323 93 44 64
2,	William Jenisson, , .	Road, . Snow, .	93 35 -	93 35 18 88
3,	Horace Nichols, . .	Road, . Snow, .	115 92 -	115 92 30 82
4,	Joseph Lowell, . .	Road, . Snow, .	209 34 -	209 33 26 95
5,	Benj. H. Fay, . .	Road, . Snow, .	82 32 -	82 32 15 39
6,	W. A. Woodbury, . .	Road, . Snow, .	199 58 -	199 58 27 30
7,	Naum Newton, . .	Road, . Snow, .	216 38 -	216 38 16 80
8,	C. B. Sawin, . .	Road, . Snow, .	113 17 -	109 27 19 34
9,	E. D. Rockwood, . .	Road, . Snow, .	89 36 -	89 36 9 10
10,	I. G. Howe, . .	Road, . Snow, .	57 97 -	55 91 12 60
11,	James Williams, . .	Road, . Snow, .	98 99 -	98 99 9 30
12,	C. L. Johnson, . .	Road, . Snow, .	87 83 -	87 80 27 22
13,	A. J. Newton, . .	Road, . Snow, .	105 71 -	105 64 26 12
			\$1,800 00	\$2,072 24

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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The Overseers of the Poor present herewith their report  
for the year ending Feb. 28, 1878:—

### FULLY SUPPORTED.

Solomon B. Newton,—

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	\$11 75	
Nahum Newton, 52 weeks' board,		
at \$2.75, . . . . .	143 00	
J. H. Robinson, med. attendance,	13 37	
Wright Bros., clothing, &c.,	15 09	
	<hr/>	\$183 21

Emerson Woodbury,—

Paid Nahum Newton, for 5 weeks' board,		
at \$3, . . . . .	\$15 00	
Nahum Newton, for 47 weeks'		
board, at \$2.75, . . . . .	129 25	
Wright Bros., for clothing, &c.,	15 09	
	<hr/>	159 34

Emory Goulding,—

Paid Nahum Newton, 5 weeks' board, at		
\$3, . . . . .	\$15 00	
Nahum Newton, 47 weeks' board,		
at \$2.75, . . . . .	129 25	
Wright Bros., clothing, &c.,	15 08	
J. H. Robinson, med. attendance,	2 50	
	<hr/>	161 83

Lovely Bird,—

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board		
from Jan. 1, 1877, to Nov. 21,		
1877, 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ weeks, at \$3.50,	\$162 50	
Charges, . . . . .	12 88	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i> . . .	\$175 38	<hr/> \$504 38

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$175 38	\$504 38
Paid Henry Newton, funeral charges,	15 00	
O. L. Gridley, team services and telegraphing,	2 87	
	<hr/>	193 25

Lois Saunders,—

Paid town of Wayland for board from Jan. 12, 1876, to Jan. 12, 1877,	\$104 00	
town of Wayland, for board from Jan. 12, 1877, to Jan. 12, 1878,	104 00	
	<hr/>	208 00
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		\$905 63

#### PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Paid city of Boston, support of Mary J. Hobbs,		\$46 00
city of Boston, support of Hannah J. Robinson,		30 84

Joseph Raymond,—

Paid town of Marlborough, for coal,	\$8 88	
town of Marlborough, for groceries and provisions,	17 00	
H. Belknap & Co., groceries,	10 00	
O. L. Gridley, team, \$1; one-half day's time, \$1.25,	2 25	
town of Marlborough, provisions,	8 00	
O. L. Gridley, team and time,	1 13	
	<hr/>	47 26

Mrs. Stowell St. Peters,—

Paid town of Marlborough, provisions,	\$26 00	
town of Marlborough, dry goods,	8 00	
town of Marlborough, rent,	11 00	
town of Marlborough, fuel and repair of stove,	6 50	
F. C. & H. C. Curtis, provisions,	6 31	
town of Marlborough, groceries and provisions,	34 10	
town of Marlborough, medical attendance,	7 00	

<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$98 91	\$1,029 73
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<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$98 91	\$1,029 73
Paid Arnold Bros., groceries and provisions,	71 00	
Berry & Hastings, groceries and provisions,	48 00	
W. P. Brigham, rent,	20 00	
J. H. Robinson, medical attendance,	19 00	
S. G. Fay, fuel,	3 50	
Julia Rivers, rent,	9 00	
Berry & Hastings, groceries and provisions,	34 00	
C. L. Fay, one ton coal,	7 50	
Newton & Johnson, one ton coal,	6 50	
Berry & Hastings, groceries,	9 00	
W. Gibbon, milk,	7 20	
O. L. Gridley,	83	
	<hr/>	334 44

Mrs. Francis Davis,—

Paid Wright Bros., groceries, &c., from August, 1876, to February, 1877,	\$63 31	
J. Lowell, provisions, &c., from November, 1876, to February, 1877,	19 09	
Nahum Newton, milk and potatoes,	5 10	
Wright Bros., groceries, &c., from March 1, 1877, to May 4, 1877,	20 46	
cash, May, 1877,	6 00	
cash, July, 1877,	16 00	
cash, September, 1877,	16 00	
cash, October, 1877,	8 00	
F. A. Dorr, coal, October,	7 00	
cash, November,	8 00	
cash, December,	8 00	
cash,	18 00	
	<hr/>	194 96

*Amount carried forward,* . . . \$1,559 13

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,559 13
Cash paid town of Westborough, on account Mrs. Gleason,		6 05

Mrs. Francis Bird,—

Paid J. C. Hooper, for groceries,	\$32 50
Augustus Bird, for rent,	13 33
W. O. Brien, for milk,	14 40
J. Lowell, for meat, &c.,	27 59
J. C. Hooper, for groceries, &c.,	17 86
F. A. Dorr, for moving to Marlborough,	5 00
Arnold Bros., for groceries and provisions,	30 00
W. O. Brien, for milk,	3 36
Augustus Bird, for rent,	6 22
O. L. Gridley, for fare and time,	82
Berry & Hastings, for groceries and provisions,	26 00
S. G. Fay, for fuel,	7 00
J. Proctor, for one-half cord wood,	4 50
O. L. Gridley, for team and time to Marlborough,	1 12
Berry & Hastings, for groceries and provisions,	20 00
A. S. Howe, for milk,	4 14
Berry & Hastings, for groceries and provisions,	6 00
S. G. Fay, for coal,	6 25

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Mrs. Rowena Greenwood,—

Paid L. W. Newton, for groceries, &c.,	\$20 16
Cook & Newton, for meal,	9 06
cash,	6 00
for wood,	1 50
cash, June, 1877,	16 00
cash, August, 1877,	16 00
L. W. Newton, for groceries,	11 82
cash, October, 1877,	8 00

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*Amounts carried forward,* \$88 54 \$1,791 27

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	.	.	\$88 54	\$1,791 27
Paid F. A. Dorr, for coal, 1877,	.	.	7 00	
cash, November, 1877,	.	.	8 00	
cash, December, 1877,	.	.	8 00	
F. A. Dorr, for coal, 1877,	.	.	7 25	
Curtis Woods, for rent,	.	.	18 00	
O. W. Fay, for rent,	.	.	3 00	
cash, January and February,	.	.	18 00	
L. W. Newton,	.	.	6 74	
			<hr/>	164 53

A. D. Eames, meat delivered G.

M. Bright, . . . . . 83

Patrick Fitzgerald,—

Paid town of Marlborough, for provisions,	.	.	.	.	17 00	
town of Marlborough, for fuel,	.	.	.	.	12 00	
town of Marlborough, for fuel,	.	.	.	.	3 25	
town of Marlborough, for provisions,	.	.	.	.	10 00	
Arnold Bros., for groceries and provisions,	.	.	.	.	22 00	
Berry & Hastings, for groceries and provisions,	.	.	.	.	12 00	
Berry & Hastings, for groceries and provisions,	.	.	.	.	9 00	
Berry & Hastings, for groceries and provisions,	.	.	.	.	4 00	
Newton & Johnston, for coal,	.	.	.	.	3 50	
C. L. Fay, for coal,	.	.	.	.	4 00	
town of Marlborough, for coal,	.	.	.	.	1 88	
					<hr/>	98 63

T. Riley,—

Paid Arnold Bros., groceries and provisions,	.	.	.	.	\$9 00	
Asa Smith, coal,	.	.	.	.	4 30	
J. H. Robinson, medical attendance,	.	.	.	.	13 50	
Berry & Hastings, groceries,	.	.	.	.	7 20	
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*Amounts carried forward,* . . . \$34 00 \$2,055 26

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$34 00	\$2,055 26
Paid J. H. Robinson, medical attendance,	17 50	
	<hr/>	51 50
Maud P. Johnson,—		
Paid State Industrial School,	\$52 00	
O. L. Gridley, half-day's time,	1 25	
fare to Boston,	1 70	
	<hr/>	54 95
Sarah McDevitt,—		
Paid Cordaville Woollen Co., for coal,	\$3 60	
F. A. Dorr, for rent,	8 00	
	<hr/>	11 60
George Onthank,—		
Paid town of Marlborough, for provisions,	\$13 00	
town of Marlborough, for fuel,	5 00	
town of Marlborough, for rent,	9 00	
town of Marlborough, for provisions,	7 50	
town of Marlborough, for coal,	4 75	
town of Marlborough, for rent,	4 00	
town of Marlborough, for coal,	2 00	
town of Marlborough, for coal,	1 75	
O. L. Gridley, for trip to Marlborough,	50	
	<hr/>	47 50
O. L. Gridley, team and time on account Priscilla Walker,		3 75
Peter Cherry,—		
Paid W. S. Wilson & Co., for groceries,	\$18 61	
F. A. Dorr, for coal,	4 25	
W. S. Wilson, for groceries,	9 00	
F. A. Dorr, for coal,	2 00	
	<hr/>	33 86
F. K. Bird,—		
Paid for coal,		4 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/> \$2,262 67

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$2,262 67
Mary Robinson,—				
Paid O. L. Gridley, for team and time				
to Stow, . . . . .	\$3	25		
J. H. Robinson, medical attend-				
ance, . . . . .	10	00		
Wright Bros., for coal, . . . .	12	23		
J. H. Robinson, medical attend-				
ance, . . . . .	10	00		
Henry Newton, for funeral ex-				
penses, . . . . .	22	00		
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				57 48
city of Worcester, aid for I. L.				
Boyd, . . . . .	\$31	95		
city of Worcester, aid for E. Rob-				
erts, . . . . .	6	70		
W. S. Wilson, for groceries for				
Freeman Fairbanks, . . . . .	3	62		
J. H. Robinson, medical attend-				
ance for F. Martin, . . . . .	19	00		
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				61 27
G. Thompson,—				
Paid J. H. Robinson, medical attend-				
ance, . . . . .	\$10	50		
F. A. Winchester, for rent, . . .	10	00		
C. B. Sawin, for wood, . . . . .	3	00		
L. W. Newton, for coal, . . . . .	3	12		
				<hr/>
				26 62
town of Concord, aid for Mrs. J.				
F. Newton, . . . . .	\$4	00		
F. A. Dorr, for coal delivered A.				
W. Wendall, . . . . .	3	50		
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				7 50
Angeline Wood,—				
Paid O. L. Gridley, trip to Ashland, .	\$1	00		
O. L. Gridley, trip to Marlborough, .		50		
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				1 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>				<hr/>
				\$2,417 04

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$2,417 04
C. H. Bidgelow,—				
Paid house of correction,			\$5 14	
O. L. Gridley, fare to East Cambridge,			1 80	
O. L. Gridley, one day's time,			2 50	
O. L. Gridley, registering letter and stamp,			13	
			<hr/>	9 57
Paid Curtis Woods, for bedding, &c., 1876,			\$5 76	
Curtis Woods, for seven barrels crackers, 1876,			22 75	
W. Woodbury, half cord wood, 1876,			4 00	
Cordaville Woollen Co., for glass,			1 90	
Curtis Woods, for two and three-quarters barrels crackers,			8 42	
			<hr/>	42 83
Nahum Newton, for lockup,		\$136 00		
for referee in case,		2 40		
		<hr/>		138 40
F. A. Dorr, for care of 774 tramps,				125 00
S. R. Jones, for bunks in lockup,		\$16 25		
E. S. Whitcomb, for repairs on lockup,			2 50	
for two pairs blankets for lockup,			6 75	
for 27 yards print for lockup,			1 62	
			<hr/>	27 12
for stationery, &c.,				2 81
			<hr/>	
Whole number of orders drawn,				\$2,762 77

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Received from Commonwealth,		\$21 43	
Westborough,		3 62	
Sutton,		12 50	
Milford,		33 86	
		<hr/>	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>		\$71 41	\$2,762 77

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	.	.	\$71 41	\$2,762 77
Received from E. Claffin,	.	.	2 00	
Due from Stow,	.	.	57 48	
			<hr/>	130 89
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				\$2,631 88
Services of Overseers,	.	.	50 00	
			<hr/>	\$2,681 88

There have been paid during the year bills to the amount of \$680.87, which properly belong to the year ending Feb. 28, 1877.

Respectfully submitted.

OLIVER L. GRIDLEY,  
F. A. DORR,

*Overseers of Poor.*

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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Number of children in town, May 1, 1877, between  
5 and 15, . . . . . 359

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

*Peters High School.*

Paid Robert E. Denfield, principal,  
for teaching, . . . . \$1,200 00  
Laura M. Chamberlain, assist-  
ant, for teaching 38 weeks, . 456 00  
for fuel and preparing same, . 84 34  
for care of fires and school-  
house, . . . . 26 00  
for books for desk, . . . . 24 95  
————— \$1,791 29

*Grammar School.*

Paid Samuel F. Blodgett, for teach-  
ing 34 weeks, . . . . \$595 00  
for fuel and preparing same, . 43 76  
for care of fires and school-  
house, . . . . 21 50  
for book for desk, . . . . 3 75  
————— 664 01

*Ward No. 1.*

Paid Abbie F. Willson, for teaching  
30 weeks, . . . . \$291 00  
for fuel and preparing same, . 22 75  
for care of fires and school-  
house, . . . . 9 50  
————— 323 25  
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*Amount carried forward,* . . . . \$2,778 55

*Amount brought forward, . . . . \$2,778 55*

*Ward No. 2.*

Paid Lizzie M. Fisher, for teaching		
11 weeks, . . . . .	\$88 00	
Elfie M. Fairbanks, for teaching		
19 weeks, . . . . .	143 00	
for fuel and preparing same, . .	22 00	
for care of fires and school-		
house, . . . . .	11 42	
for book for desk, . . . . .	1 33	
	<hr/>	265 75

*Ward No. 3.*

Paid S. Maria Stratton, for teaching		
21 weeks, . . . . .	\$210 00	
Hattie I. Fairbanks, assistant,		
for teaching three weeks, . .	9 00	
Cora A. Newton, for teaching		
nine weeks, . . . . .	81 00	
Annie E. Wheeler, assistant, for		
teaching seven weeks, . . .	28 00	
for fuel and preparing same, . .	30 23	
for care of fires and school-		
house, . . . . .	9 50	
for book for desk, . . . . .	3 25	
	<hr/>	370 98

*Ward No. 4.*

Paid Nellie M. Harlow, for teaching		
30 weeks, . . . . .	\$291 00	
for fuel and preparing same, . .	24 75	
for care of fires and school-		
house, . . . . .	10 00	
	<hr/>	325 75

*Ward No. 5.*

Paid Lucie N. Fisher, for teaching		
30 weeks, . . . . .	\$231 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward, . . .</i>	<i>\$231 00</i>	<i>\$3,741 03</i>

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$231 00	\$3,741 03
Paid for fuel and preparing same,	35 75	
for care of fires and school-house,	9 50	
for book for desk,	1 33	
	<hr/>	277 58

*Ward No. 6.*

Paid Elsie M. Fairbanks, for teaching		
11 weeks,	\$88 00	
Sarah A. Williams, for teaching		
19 weeks,	143 00	
for fuel and preparing same,	29 25	
for care of fires and school-house,	14 00	
for books for desk,	1 92	
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*Ward No. 7 — Upper School.*

Paid Nellie A. Hyde, for teaching 30		
weeks,	\$231 00	
for fuel and preparing same,	20 95	
for care of fires and school-house,	12 38	
	<hr/>	264 33

*Ward No. 7 — Lower School.*

Paid Mary A. Dorr, for teaching 28 $\frac{3}{4}$		
weeks,	\$221 20	
for fuel and preparing same,	20 95	
for care of fires and school-house,	12 38	
	<hr/>	254 53
Total,		<hr/>
		\$4,813 64

<i>School appropriation, 1877,</i>	\$4,500 00
State fund,	193 19
Dog tax,	91 13
Amount due from Marlborough for tuition,	25 00
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	\$4,809 32

*Incidental appropriation,* . . . . \$500 00

# INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid for crayons, . . . . .	\$9 66
for ink, . . . . .	17 03
for books for use of scholars and teachers, .	28 46
C. J. Clark, for stationery, . . . .	2 87
O. P. Walker, for repairing stove in Ward No. 1, . . . . .	2 00
F. Moulton, for setting hitching-posts, .	3 00
H. L. Flagg, for building fence in Ward No. 6, . . . . .	58 75
for insuring piano, . . . . .	2 00
J. Cunneen, for work cleaning well in Ward No. 1, . . . . .	2 25
F. W. Riley, for use of piano, . . . .	12 00
for two chairs for Ward No. 7, . . . .	1 34
for ninety-two feet settees for High School,	46 00
Charles D. Blake, for piano and cover, .	111 00
freight on same, . . . . .	3 00
Geo. A. Este, for delivering same, . . .	1 50
Geo. H. Brown, for work on well in Ward No. 2, . . . . .	15 68
R. Goddard, for work of man on said well,	7 13
Wm. Jennison, for work on said well, .	50
J. A. Page, for repairing schoolhouse in Ward No. 6, . . . . .	14 78
J. A. Page, for repairing schoolhouse in Ward No. 2, . . . . .	13 04
J. A. Page, for repairing Grammar-school house, . . . . .	18 82
J. A. Page, for repairing schoolhouse in Ward No. 7, . . . . .	6 25
F. A. Dorr, for mowing brush at Grammar- school house, . . . . .	2 00
F. A. Dorr, for fixing blinds in schoolhouse in Ward No. 4, . . . . .	50

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*Amount carried forward,* . . . . \$379 56

<i>Amount brought forward,</i> . . . . .	\$379 56
Paid A. E. Parmenter, for tuning and fixing piano, . . . . .	3 00
H. Newton, for fixing pump, etc., in Ward No. 5, . . . . .	3 25
S. R. Jones, for repairing schoolhouse in Ward No. 7, . . . . .	1 87
S. R. Jones, for repairing schoolhouse in Ward No. 4, . . . . .	1 00
S. R. Jones, for repairing Grammar-school house, . . . . .	1 00
Wright Bros., for eight settees, \$2.62, . . . . .	20 96
Geo. E. Lane, for repairing lock and key in Ward No. 7, . . . . .	75
Geo. F. Barney, for repairing High-school house and oiling floor, . . . . .	7 75
Geo. F. Barney, for repairing windows of schoolhouse in Ward No. 2, . . . . .	7 87
D. Newton, for postage and telegram, organ stool, iron to stove in Ward No. 3, and lock and key, . . . . .	\$4 75
Deduct for cash of B. F. Prentiss, for two settees, . . . . .	1 50
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	3 25
J. L. Hammett, for six maps, . . . . .	9 00
W. A. Walker, for pump for Ward No. 2, . . . . .	14 00
P. B. Caldwell, for work at High-school house, . . . . .	4 20
D. H. Thomson, for repairing windows in schoolhouse in Ward No. 3, . . . . .	65
H. F. Webster, for repairing pump, . . . . .	1 00
Curtis Hyde, for repairing seats in High-school house, . . . . .	1 25
for two bells, . . . . .	1 25
for ink-wells, . . . . .	1 74
for tin cups and dippers, . . . . .	62
for lock and latch, . . . . .	71
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i> . . . . .	\$464 68

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	.	\$464 68
Paid for soap and brush,	.	.	.	.	86
for coal-hod,	.	.	.	.	83
for matches and door-mats,	.	.	.	.	2 42
for mirror and two dust-pans,	.	.	.	.	1 75
for curtains and fixtures for High School,	.	.	.	.	3 93
for six pails and wash-dish,	.	.	.	.	1 64
for eleven brooms,	.	.	.	.	3 89
for fourteen erasers,	.	.	.	.	3 70
for two coal-shovels,	.	.	.	.	42
for door-knob,	.	.	.	.	12
for two dippers,	.	.	.	.	42
for feather dusters,	.	.	.	.	4 08
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Total,	.	.	.	.	\$488 74

## LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

*March 1, 1878.*


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1877.							
S. E. Brigham,	.	:	.	.	.	.	\$20 48
James Burdett,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 67
G. W. Ballard,	:	.	.	.	.	.	2 95
P. Cherry,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
F. E. Day,	.	.	.	.	.	.	18 24
N. W. Fay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 42
G. W. Fay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 13
G. W. Goodnow,	.	.	.	.	.	.	35 94
T. A. Miller,	.	.	.	.	.	.	18 97
C. D. Newton,	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 60
Mary Sullivan, heirs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 92
P. Toomy,	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 84
Maria Toomy,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 47
Victor S. F. Walker,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Ann Cornell,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 32
M. A. Fisher,	.	.	.	.	.	.	45 64
S. Barney, heirs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 80
Peter Rivers,	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 92
Margaret Sheehey,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 05
N. B. Onthank,	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
G. E. Walhup,	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 52

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 \$216 44

## STATE AID.

*Paid during the Year ending Feb. 28, 1877.*


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Edward McKnight, . . . . .	\$134 00
Anna B. Bellows, . . . . .	48 00
John A. Hunt, . . . . .	16 00
J. H. Doyle, . . . . .	16 00
George Brown, . . . . .	72 00
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	\$286 00

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## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Cemetery Committee present herewith their Report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1878 :—

Paid Henry Newton, for $4\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, in old cemetery, . . . . .	\$9 00
19 days' work in new cemetery, . . . . .	38 00
19 days' work of boy, . . . . .	19 00
Sodding lots and use of horse, . . . . .	9 45
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	\$75 45

Respectfully submitted.

F. A. WINCHESTER,  
S. C. FAY,  
CURTIS HYDE,

*Committee*

## MEMORIAL DAY.

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The Committee present herewith their Annual Report : —

Paid for orator,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$10 90
for brass band, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	35 00
for flowers, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	14 50
for flags, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 70
for transportation, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	27 65
for fare, express, printing, &c., .	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 25
							\$100 00

F. D. NEWTON, *for Committee.*

## FAY LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Fay Library submit the following Report, viz. :—

By the statistics furnished us by the Librarian, Miss Francena E. Buck, we find that the whole number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 28, 1878, was . . . . .		3,743
Number of books delivered the past year, . . . . .		8,192
Greatest number delivered in one week, . . . . .		242
Average number delivered weekly, . . . . .		178
Greatest number delivered to one family, . . . . .		227
Increase of books the past year, . . . . .		135
Amount of fines collected, . . . . .	\$20 20	
of fines uncollected, . . . . .	1 50	
Number of books given to Library the past year, . . . . .		4

The books have been newly arranged and re-numbered, and many of them have been newly covered. The Trustees hereby express their gratitude to the Librarian for the admirable manner in which she has performed the duties appertaining to her office. We have not been unmindful of the neat appearance of the Library-room, and of the faithful enforcement, by her, of the by-laws.

For and in behalf of the Trustees, and agreeably to their vote.

DEXTER NEWTON, *Secretary*.

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 8, 1878.

L. W. NEWTON, *Treasurer, in account with Fay Library.*

Dr.

March 5, 1877.	Balance in Treasury,	\$1,643 90	
Nov. 6, 1877.	Interest from Town		
	Treasurer, . . .	100 00	
Feb. 15, 1877.	Dog money, . . .	91 32	
Received from Librarian for fines,	. . .	20 20	
		<hr/>	\$1,855 42

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June 16, 1877.	Cash paid for books,	\$85 80	
Oct. 12, 1877.	“ “	30 00	
Oct. 16, 1877.	“ “	1 25	
Dec. 3, 1877.	“ “	5 21	
Feb. 28, 1878.	“ “	97 13	
Balance in Treasury,	. . .	1,636 03	
		<hr/>	\$1,855 42

Respectfully submitted.

L. W. NEWTON,

*Treasurer Fay Library*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1, 1878.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

The Town Clerk herewith presents his Annual Report:—

Births registered, males, . . . . .	19
females, . . . . .	18
	— 37
Marriages registered, . . . . .	16
Deaths registered, males, . . . . .	7
females, . . . . .	15
	— 22

*Deaths.*

DATE.	NAME.	Years.	Mos.	Days.
<b>1877.</b>				
Feb. 9,	Bridget Powers, . . . . .	25	3	—
20,	Ernest W. Onthank, . . . . .	—	1	7
Mar. 31,	Carrie Elsie Fay, . . . . .	—	—	6
Apr. 6,	Harriet Kaler, . . . . .	59	10	26
22,	Sophia Fay, . . . . .	91	5	22
May 15,	Sarah C. Dillingham, . . . . .	71	11	—
June 3,	Margaret McKnight, . . . . .	47	5	18
7,	Nellie A. Aldrich, . . . . .	1	10	—
10,	Jerusha H. Temple, . . . . .	87	2	2
16,	Mabel L. Wright, . . . . .	4	11	—
24,	Hanson Gledhill, . . . . .	51	11	25
27,	William Clark, . . . . .	71	6	24
July 10,	Daniel Knowlton, Jr., . . . . .	73	5	—
15,	Patrick Toomey, . . . . .	53	—	—
23,	Waldo C. Whitcomb, . . . . .	—	6	3
25,	Ellen Sullivan, . . . . .	22	6	19
Sept. 21,	Maud L. Webber, . . . . .	1	8	12
Nov. 11,	Catherine O'Brien, . . . . .	16	6	—
Dec. 5,	Nancy Bartlett, . . . . .	89	11	24
5,	Eliza M. Bigelow, . . . . .	53	1	26
17,	William F. Coyne, . . . . .	25	7	19
24,	Harriet E. Muckemon, . . . . .	57	8	8

*Dogs Licensed.*

Whole number, 110. Males, 103; females, 7. Amount paid County Treasurer, \$219.

F. ESTE, *Town Clerk.*

## TOWN-HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The Town-house Committee present herewith their Report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1878 :—

Dr.				
To cash received for rent of hall,	.	.	.	\$129 00
Cr.				
By cash paid for gasoline,	.	.	.	\$32 81
for kerosene,	.	.	.	36
C. Hyde, janitor,	.	.	.	66 25
Treasurer,	.	.	.	29 58
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				\$129 00
Wood and gasoline on hand, Feb. 28, 1878,	.	.	.	\$20 00
Feb. 28, 1877,	.	.	.	40 00

H. F. WEBSTER,  
CURTIS HYDE,  
W. H. BUCK,

*Committee.*

## LIST OF JURORS.

We propose and recommend the following-named persons as jurors :—

Benjamin F. Peirce.	W. J. C. Hobbs.
Benjamin F. Prentiss.	F. J. Stevens.
John W. Hammond.	H. F. Webster.
George C. Harlow.	L. W. Newton.
Forrest E. Day.	Francis Fisher.
William P. Willson.	C. L. Johnson.
Henry H. Newton.	Frank D. Newton.
O. L. Gridley.	Nahum Newton.
L. C. Newton.	Hiram Nichols.
Dexter Newton.	J. I. Marshall.
Richardson Goddard.	Curtis Hyde.
Harrison Neal.	I. G. Howe.
Warren Parmenter.	Isaac Howard.
Samuel Taft.	F. W. Hayden.
John A. Page.	Henry S. Wheeler.
Sylvester C. Fay.	W. R. Woodbury.
John F. Wright.	A. E. Bacon.

F. A. WINCHESTER,  
CHARLES B. SAWIN,  
J. W. HAMMOND,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1878.

## TOWN DEBT AND ASSETS.

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Statement of town debt and assets, Feb. 28, 1877,—

Town debt funded, . . . . .	\$30,000 00	
on demand, . . . . .	1,500 00	
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	\$31,500 00	
Interest to Feb. 28, 1878, . . . . .	809 00	
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		\$32,309 00
Available assets,—		
Uncollected taxes, . . . . .	\$226 50	
Cash in treasury, . . . . .	2,697 71	
Amount due from State (state aid), . . . . .	342 00	
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		3,266 21
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		\$29,042 79

Indebtedness, Feb. 28, 1877, \$29,253.98.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Whole number of polls assessed May 1, 1877,	490
Value of personal estate, . . . . .	\$242,700 00
of real estate, . . . . .	1,052,677 00
Tax on polls, . . . . .	980 00
on real and personal estate, . . . . .	14,508 22
Overlayings, . . . . .	339 36
Rate per cent., . . . . .	1 12
State tax, . . . . .	1,155 00
County tax, . . . . .	1,493 88
Town grant, . . . . .	12,500 00
Number of dwelling-houses, . . . . .	381 $\frac{1}{2}$
of horses, . . . . .	307
of cows, . . . . .	849
of sheep, . . . . .	1
of acres of land taxed, . . . . .	9,481
Amount of taxes abated, . . . . .	\$33 92

DEXTER NEWTON,  
 BENJ. F. PIERCE,  
 O. L. GRIDLEY,  
*Assessors of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March, 1878.

## REPORT

*Of the Selectmen concerning the celebration of the semi-tri-centennial anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Southborough, held July 17, 1877.*

By request of several citizens of the town, to us made, for some action on our part concerning a public observance of the day, we deemed it expedient to appoint a committee from among the native citizens of the town, to make arrangements for the same. We appointed, for that committee, Deacon Peter Fay, Curtis Newton, Esq., Dr. Joseph Burnett, Dexter Newton, and Sylvester C. Fay.

Dexter Newton was appointed president of the occasion, and Sylvester C. Fay secretary.

We are pleased to state that the committee managed the affair in a very admirable manner, and the celebration was a great success, and much enjoyed by the citizens. The Town Hall was filled with people, and many were unable to gain admittance. The audience listened to short speeches made by citizens and invited guests ; music by a brass band ; songs, etc. ; and the celebration closed by a grand display of fireworks on the Common.

A more extended report will be put on file in the office of the Town Clerk, by the committee, together with a copy of the various newspapers which contain an account of the celebration.

FITCH A. WINCHESTER,  
CHAS. B. SAWIN,  
J. W. HAMMOND,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1, 1878.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF SOUTHBOROUGH,

FOR THE YEAR 1877-78.

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## REPORT.

FELLOW-CITIZENS :—The last report of your School Committee has scarcely been read and deposited with the records of the past, when we are called to present you with a review of another year.

In addressing ourselves to this duty, we should vainly hope that any course pursued by us would meet the entire approval of every townsman, parent, and child; for there is scarcely another subject on which so much has been written and said as the education of children and youth, and, perhaps, none on which there has been a greater diversity of opinion. One tells us, that a child should never be required to learn even the alphabet, but be left at liberty to learn it at his own personal choice. Another would dispense with all preliminary steps in writing, and let the child begin by writing syllables and words. Some would have more attention given to reading, writing, and spelling, and less to arithmetic. Others would have no language taught in school but our own. But the donor of our high-school house made one of the conditions of his gift, that a teacher should be employed in said house capable of instructing in both ancient and modern languages, beside our own, and a neglect to employ such a teacher would involve a forfeiture of the house.

Some regard all time spent in the study of algebra, geometry, trigonometry, philosophy, chemistry, astronomy, and botany as lost, a detriment to the scholar, and an injury to the school to which he belongs. The manner of teaching, too, is discussed with scarcely less freedom than the subjects under consideration. With all this diversity of opinion, the value of any school would be differently estimated by different individuals; what would be regarded an excellence by one, would be deemed a defect by another. But whatever may be the difference of opinion in regard to the subject-matter, or manner of teaching, no doubt exists in the minds of your Committee that the course of study prescribed and pursued should be such as can be made practical in the life. Reading, writing, spelling, grammar, geography, and arithmetic are among the elementary principles of a good English education, and without them, whatever else may be obtained, an education will be incomplete; these, therefore, should never be neg-

lected. A knowledge of our own language should never be allowed to suffer, that another may be learned. The elementary principles of arithmetic should never be crowded from their place by the vain attempt to master the higher mathematics. History should never usurp the place which appropriately belongs to geography; but when the child has become thoroughly familiar with the fundamental principles of an education, the youth may build upon them a superstructure symmetrical in its proportions and durable in its nature. He will not find himself stumbling at every sentence he utters, doubting whether the language he employs is grammatically correct. He will not need to reassure himself every day of the locality of the place of which he writes; nor will he need to ask his neighbor if he has made a right solution of the mathematical problems which will be involved in the business of daily life.

Let the rudiments of education be thoroughly fixed in the mind, and they will grow up like a tree of comely proportions, ever expanding into new beauties as long as the mind shall endure; but let them be neglected, and imperfection will always be cropping out, usefulness will be curtailed, and individual happiness will be marred by a need of what a well-educated childhood and youth would have well supplied.

Neither the parent nor his children should ever be satisfied with any present attainment. Foreign language, ancient or modern, lends an important and essential aid in the study of our own. Science has wonderfully lightened the burden, alleviated the toils, and mitigated the sufferings of mankind, but its work is not complete. Progress is a fixed law in the government of God; onward to higher attainments is the language which falls on the ear of every mortal. The field of investigation is as wide as the universe, and why should not our children be the first to scale those rugged heights which have never yet been reached, and reveal to the world those hidden mysteries which are yet to bless mankind. The sources of knowledge are infinite, and every new item gained may become the means of unfailing enjoyment. History lends enchantment to many a spot which geography has imprinted on the mind, and astronomy opens a field for contemplation which may well lead us to exclaim in our amazement, "Lord, what is man, that thou art mindful of him; and the son of man, that thou visitest him." Let us not too hastily decide that our schools are too extensive in their research, or too expensive in their support, if the privileges they afford are well improved.

But there are moral defects against which the teacher should guard as assiduously as those to which allusion has just been

made. It is true, indeed, that moral training is the peculiar province of the parent, in the nursery, and by the fireside ; it is there that line upon line, and precept upon precept, should be given and enforced by parental example, amidst the scenes of a busy life ; but not so peculiarly the province of the parent, as to leave no moral instruction for the teacher to give. For hours in the day she stands in the parent's place, often discussing principles which will have a powerful bearing on the moral life and character of those committed to her care, and she should be careful that the moral influence which she exerts be correct, and that the bias given to those youthful minds be in the right direction. The moral character, the forms of expression, the careless habits or lady-like deportment of the teacher, will be rapidly adopted and often permanently enstamped on the minds of those whom she instructs.

In our endeavors to promote, as far as possible, the highest interest of our schools, we have laid before them a course of elementary study fundamental in its relation to all right learning, and furnished them with teachers competent to instruct them in those branches of education to which their attention has been called. These teachers we have selected, as far as practicable, from the young ladies of our own town, and have so located them in the schools that they could board with the families to which they respectively belong, and have thus kept the money, which you have so generously supplied for the support of these schools, as far as possible within our own town, which would otherwise have been carried beyond our borders. These teachers you have known from their childhood ; their manner of life, their moral character, their courteous demeanor, and their lady-like deportment in the presence of those committed to their care, are familiar to you all. They are not perfect. One has a few forms of expression gathered from the colloquial habits of her home, which we should be glad if she would leave behind when she enters the schoolroom. Another has not quite forgotten the uncouth remark which sometime fell on her ear in the street. Another, in conversation with her pupils, sometimes speaks on themes concerning which it is not important that children should be informed. They do not regard themselves perfect, but they have as few faults as we should find in an equal number whom we might select from the many names which are sent to us as applicants from other towns, and they are trying to correct them all. The relations subsisting between teachers and their schools, have generally been of the most harmonious character ; such harmony being one of the prime elements of success, we have not looked in vain for those things which are

combined in the formation of a well-regulated school. If there have been a few instances of thoughtless insubordination, we hope they have administered their own rebuke, in such a way as will render their recurrence impossible.

Teachers should keep constantly in mind the fact, that a majority of their pupils will receive all the education they will ever obtain in the ward schools, and require them to learn thoroughly those things which they will need to practice in future life. The proficiency made in the several departments of study in our ward schools has been very commendable; the progress from month to month has been quite perceptible; and that discoverable by a comparison of the commencement with the close of the year has been marked and decided.

In map-drawing we have had some excellent specimens; the writing of many of the pupils has been excellent; in reading, spelling, geography, arithmetic, and grammar, no year has presented us with greater improvement.

In some schools more attention has been given to the study of grammar than usual, and in spelling a variety of methods has been adopted; the schools have spelled, orally, by writing words selected by the teacher from the lesson read, and from the speller, as a daily exercise, that the advantages of each method might be secured.

A complaint having reached us from both teachers and scholars that the geographies in use were too difficult, and the language employed in them not easily understood, a new geography has been introduced during the year, leaving it optional with parents to purchase it for their children or not. The introductory price is so low that it has been very generally taken, and as generally regarded an improvement on those the place of which it is designed to supply.

The Grammar School has been under the care of Mr. S. F. Blodgett, who has retained the high esteem which he early won for himself among the people of the south part of the town. His devotion to his work has been appreciated, and his efforts for the welfare of his school have been eminently successful.

It was understood by your Committee, at the close of the last year, to be the general desire of the people that the services of Mr. Robert E. Denfield should be retained as principal of the Peters High School. He came to us with unqualified testimonials from the professors of Amherst College, of which he is a graduate, and proved himself worthy of the reputation he had earned at his alma mater, by the faithfulness with which he performed his duty as instructor of the school. It was also understood that he could command a

higher salary elsewhere than he was receiving here, and thinking a too frequent change of teachers detrimental to the school, he was employed at an advanced salary, and he has carried the school successfully through to the present time.

The salary may have been too much, but not more than the average amount paid for like services by other towns in this vicinity. But the change in all departments of business has been such, that we think the time has fully come when our teachers should bear their part with us in the depreciated rewards of labor. We do not propose to pay any teacher for our High School more than a thousand dollars for his services during the ensuing year.

Mr. Denfield has been assisted by Miss Laura M. Chamberlain, a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary, who has fully sustained her former reputation, by the eminent success that has crowned her efforts during the year that now comes to a close.

But well-qualified teachers, and faithful instruction, desirable as they are, will not alone ensure success; they may be found in any schoolroom, and yet the school may prove a failure. There must be co-operation of parents with the teacher, and loyalty on the part of scholars as well. With these, no reasonable effort will be made in vain; without them, all effort will fail.

Let a few parents speak disparagingly of a teacher's character, or method of instruction, and they will do an injury to the school which none can ever repair. Whatever the grade of the school, the interest of the child or youth will wane, the efforts of the teacher will be ineffectual, and, so far as the adverse influence is felt, the money paid for the support of the school will be essentially lost.

The schools of the town, as they are now arranged, present an opportunity to every youth who will avail himself of the privileges they afford to secure an education which will prepare him for almost any place which he may be called to fill, and their influence upon the community is such, that your children's children shall rise up and call *you* blessed who have sustained them.

In closing this Report, we cannot fail to mention the loss which many feel in the retirement of Miss Abbie F. Willson from the Centre School, which she has taught so successfully and so long.

A. BIGELOW,  
DEXTER NEWTON,  
E. B. B. FAY,

*School Committee of Southborough*

## STATISTICS.

## SPRING TERM.

Wards.	TEACHERS.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number under 15 years.	Number over 15 years.	Length of School in months.	Wages of Teacher — per month.
1	Abbie F. Willson, . . . .	45	36.6	—	—	23 $\frac{2}{3}$	\$40 00
2	Lizzie M. Fisher, . . . .	20	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—	23 $\frac{2}{3}$	32 00
3	S. Maria Stratton, . . . .	53	43.6	—	—	23 $\frac{2}{3}$	32 00
4	Helen M. Harlow, . . . .	44	35.98	2	—	23 $\frac{2}{3}$	40 00
5	Lucy N. Fisher, . . . .	18	15 $\frac{3}{5}$	—	—	23 $\frac{2}{3}$	32 00
6	Elfie M. Fairbanks, . . . .	13	10.3	—	—	23 $\frac{2}{3}$	32 00
7 {	Nellie A. Hyde, Upper Dist.,	21	19.89	—	—	23 $\frac{2}{3}$	32 00
	Mary E. Dorr, Lower Dist.,	34	29.5	1	—	23 $\frac{2}{3}$	32 00

## FALL TERM.

1	Abbie F. Willson, . . . .	46	37.7	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$40 00
2	Elfie M. Fairbanks, . . . .	22	18.3	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
3 {	S. Maria Stratton, . . . .	56	46.92	1	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
	Hattie I. Fairbanks, Ass't,	—	—	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 00
4	Helen M. Harlow, . . . .	41	35.17	1	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
5	Lucy N. Fisher, . . . .	19	17.5	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
6	Sarah A. Williams, . . . .	14	11.7	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
7 {	Nellie A. Hyde, Upper Dist.,	22	20 $\frac{3}{5}$	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
	Mary E. Dorr, Lower Dist.,	35	32.2	1	—	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00

## WINTER TERM.

1	Abbie F. Willson, . . . .	42	32.7	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$36 00
2	Elfie M. Fairbanks, . . . .	27	19.84	—	1	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	28 00
3 {	Cora A. Newton, . . . .	60	49 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	36 00
	Annie E. Wheeler, Ass't,	—	—	—	—	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 00
4	Helen M. Harlow, . . . .	33	30.3	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	36 00
5	Lucy N. Fisher, . . . .	17	14 $\frac{3}{8}$	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	28 00
6	Sarah A. Williams, . . . .	12	7 $\frac{1}{5}$	1	—	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	28 00
7 {	Nellie A. Hyde, Upper Dist.,	21	19 $\frac{3}{5}$	—	—	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	28 00
	Mary E. Dorr, Lower Dist.,	37	31.6	—	—	14 $\frac{1}{10}$	28 00

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term.*

TEACHERS.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attend- ance.	Number over 15 years.	Length of School in months.	Wages of Teacher —per month.
Robert E. Denfield, . . .	43	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	3 $\frac{4}{20}$	\$126 32
Laura M. Chamberlain, . . .	—	—	—	—	48 00

*Fall Term.*

Robert E. Denfield, . . .	44	39 $\frac{17}{68}$	36	3 $\frac{3}{20}$	\$126 32
Laura M. Chamberlain, . . .	—	—	—	—	48 00

*Winter Term.*

Robert E. Denfield, . . .	43	39 $\frac{31}{59}$	35	2 $\frac{9}{20}$	\$126 32
Laura M. Chamberlain, . . .	—	—	—	—	48 00

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*Spring Term.*

Samuel F. Blodgett, . . .	34	26 $\frac{1}{3}$	3	3	\$70 00
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*Fall Term.*

Samuel F. Blodgett, . . .	33	28	4	3	\$70 00
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*Winter Term.*

Samuel F. Blodgett, . . .	32	27 $\frac{7}{10}$	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$70 00
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FIFTH ANNUAL

AUDITORS' REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1879.

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WORCESTER:

A. B. ADAMS, PRINTER, 392 MAIN STREET.

1879.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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In accordance with customs long established, we beg to submit the following as an annual report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1879.

*To the inhabitants of Southborough:*

We submit the following statements of the receipts and expenditures for the past year, in as detailed and yet concise a form as possible.

We have made a thorough examination of all the bills, vouchers, orders, accounts and books of the various committees and officers having moneyed transactions with the town, and have found them correctly cast, approved, and vouched.

The word *economize* has been placed in former reports. We will recommend all town officers to practice the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. PRENTISS,

L. W. NEWTON,

H. S. WHEELER,

*Auditors.*

## TOWN WARRANT.

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WORCESTER, S. S.

*To either of the Constables of the town of Southborough in said county.*

Greeting:

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Southborough, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said Southborough on Monday the twenty-fourth day of March inst., at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following *Articles*:

- ARTICLE 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2nd. To hear and act upon the reports of the officers and committees of the town.
- 3rd. To hear the report of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Fay Library.
- 4th. To act on the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.
- 5th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees, for the ensuing year.
- 6th. To choose trustees for the Fay library.
- 7th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town, and appropriate the same.
- 8th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.
- 9th. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the town's use.
- 10th. To see if the town will accept the provisions of chapter 186 of the acts of the year 1877.
- 11th. To see if the town will accept the provisions of chapter 255 of the acts of the year 1878.
- 12th. To see if the town will appropriate one hundred dollars to be expended by Post 44 G. A. R. in defraying the expense of memorial day, and decorating and repairing Soldiers' graves.
- 13th. To see if the town will lay out a road at Cordaville, leading from the main street, commencing near the house of Mrs. Darius Fay, running west, past the house of D. W. Mitchell to Parker Street, so called, thence southerly to the main road to Westborough.

- ARTICLE 14th. To see if the town will discontinue, or close up the road leading from the turnpike near the house of Dana Flagg, to the Parkerville road, or pass any vote respecting the same.
- 15th. To see if the town will let out the medical attendance of their poor, or authorize their overseers to do the same.
- 16th. To see what appropriation the town will make of the dog money.
- 17th. To see if the town will authorize their School committee, overseers of the poor, and other officers to draw orders upon the Treasurer for the payment of the bills contracted by them.
- 18th. To determine the manner of repairing highways and bridges.
- 19th. To see if the town will purchase an Alms house, or take any action thereon.
- 20th. To see if the town will increase the number of their school committee.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the store, and Post office in Southborough centre, at the store in Fayville, and at the store in Cordaville, and at the store in Southville, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the town *clerk*, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of March in the year Eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

F. A. WINCHESTER,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Southborough.</i>
C. B. SAWIN,	
J. W. HAMMOND,	

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

F. ESTE, *Collector, in account with the* TOWN OF SOUTH-  
BOROUGH, *from Feb. 28, 1878, to*  
*March 1, 1879.*

## DR.

To uncollected taxes for 1875,	\$5 20	
for 1876,	4 86	
for 1877,	216 44	
for 1878,	14,563 56	
Interest on above taxes,	69 31	
		<hr/> \$14,859 37

## CR.

By cash pd. Treas., taxes, 1875,	\$2 00	
1876,	2 57	
1877,	116 30	
1878,	12,787 55	
Interest,	69 31	
		<hr/> 12,977 73
Abatements,		68 97
County tax,		1,400 51
Uncollected taxes, 1875,	3 20	
1876,	2 29	
1877,	91 66	
1878,	315 01	
		<hr/> 412 16
		<hr/> \$14,859 37

F. ESTE, *Collector.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1879.

Dr. A. BIGELOW, TREASURER, *in account with the Town of Southborough, from Feb. 28, 1878, to March 1, 1879.* Cr.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 28, 1878, .....	\$2,697 71	By Cash paid Treasurer of Fay Library, Interest,	\$100 00
Received Legacy of Mrs. H. Maria Fay, .....	100 00	Interest on Temporary Loan, .....	100 78
from Marlboro', School bill, .....	25 00	Interest on Town Debt, .....	1,800 00
Temporary Loan, .....	5,935 57	Orders of School Committee, .....	4,782 07
from F. Este, Collector, .....	12,977 73	Orders of Overseers of Poor, .....	2,169 42
from State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, .....	145 98	Orders of Selectmen, .....	3,404 41
from State Treasurer, Nat'l Bank Tax, .....	723 50	Commissioners of Sinking Fund, ..	2,000 00
from State Treasurer, State Aid, .....	286 00	State Aid, .....	344 00
from State Treasurer, School Fund, ....	190 22	Treas. of Fay Library, Dog money,	72 66
from County Treasurer, Dog Money, ...	145 33	Cemetery Committee, interest on	
from Town Hall Committee, .....	149 00	legacy of Mrs. H. Maria Fay, ..	5 00
from A. Bigelow, for Pump, .....	7 00	State Tax, .....	770 00
from F. A. Winchester, for Gravel and		Temporary Loan, .....	5,935 57
Loam, .....	14 00	By balance in Treasury March 1, 1879, .....	2,043 15
from F. A. Winchester, from Decora-			
tion Committee, .....	5 00		
from F. A. Winchester, .....	4 00		
from B. F. Prentiss, Overseer of Poor,	115 02		
from E. Burnett, .....	6 00		
	\$23,527 06		\$23,527 06

A. BIGELOW, TREASURER.

SOUTHBOROUGH, FEB. 28, 1879.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen present herewith there report for the year ending February 28th, 1879 :—

Salaries—Selectmen, . . . . .	\$125 00
School Committee, . . . . .	150 00
Treasurer, . . . . .	50 00
Town Clerk, . . . . .	20 00
Collector, . . . . .	125 00
Overseers of poor . . . . .	60 00
Express, &c. in Town Clerk's bill, . . . . .	8 50
Services as Auditors, . . . . .	37 50
Assessors, . . . . .	189 06
investing Sinking fund, . . . . .	5 79
in recording deaths, births, and marriages, . . . . .	26 80
Constables—F. A. Dorr, . . . . .	21 50
F. A. Fairbanks, . . . . .	5 00
S. E. Parker, . . . . .	5 40
F. W. Walker, . . . . .	23 30
Committee order Drawn for Decoration, . . . . .	90 00
Paid for Printing reports, . . . . .	70 86
Peter Fay for purchase of Petition, . . . . .	20 00
Sundry bills of Selectmen, . . . . .	16 08
Drain in Fayville, . . . . .	34 37
State aid to Geo. W. Fay, law of '78 . . . . .	11 36
Surveying New road in Fayville, . . . . .	5 00
C. B. Sawin's highway bills, . . . . .	3 70
Wm. Jennison for Cemetery bills, . . . . .	26 40
D. H. Brewer, for building New road, taking up Culvert and laying, . . . . .	185 10
moving guide board, . . . . .	30 33
	1 00

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*Amount carried forward,* . . . . . 1347 05

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1347 05
P. McMahan,	4 53
Repairs on Safe,	13 90
Curtis Hyar, care of town-house,	141 98
Francena E. Buck, as Librarian,	73 00
L. W. Newton, for Fay Library,	19 95
A. Bigelow, expenses to Boston,	7 50
For highway work, year 1878,	1678 65
Snow bills,	117 85

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\$3404 41

Paid to Town Treasurer,	
Money returned from decoration committee,	5 00
Received for gravel of O'Grady,	50
Loam, E. Taylor,	7 50
P. Donohue,	80
St. Mark's school,	5 20
Grass,	4 00

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\$23 00

F. A. WINCHESTER,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Southborough.</i>
G. B. SAWIN,	
J. W. HAMMOND,	

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor present herewith their report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1879 :—

### FULLY SUPPORTED IN TOWN.

E. Goulding.	E. Woodbury.
S. B. Newton.	Mrs. Rowena Greenwood.
Mrs. Mary Works.	Mrs. Frances Bird.
Hattie Bird.	Ida Bird.
Eddie Bird.	Mrs. Stowell St. Peters, Marlboro.
Celinda St. Peters, Marlboro.	Amelia St. Peters,       “
Amey E.       “       “	Freddie       “       “
Sylvester       “       “	Mrs. Lois Saunders, Wayland.

David Warfield, died at Taunton Hospital, July 20th, 1778.

### PARTIALLY SUPPORTED IN TOWN.

Mrs. Francis Davis, and 4 Children.  
 Mrs. George Thompson, and 3 Children.  
 Matthew Gleason, Wife and 5 Children ; Jan. 8, stopped aid.  
 Sarah McDevett.  
 A. Wendall.  
 C. Bidgelow and Wife.  
 J. Raymond, Wife and 6 Children, Marlboro, July 1, stopped aid.  
 Mrs. Dinodina Rivers and 1 Child,       “       “       7,       “       “  
 T. Riley,       “       “       June 1,       “       “  
 Patrick Fitzgerald and Wife.  
 Mrs. George Onthank, Wife and 3 Children, Marlboro.  
 George M. Brigham, Wife and 3 Children, Westboro, Feb. 1,  
       stopped aid.  
 Mrs. Eliza Williams and 4 Children, Northbridge.  
 Mary Hobbs, Boston.  
 Hannah J. Robinson, Boston.  
 Emery Goulding,—

Paid Nahum Newton for 52 weeks board,	
at \$2.75,	\$143 00
L. W. Newton for clothing,	6 12
J. H. Robinson, med. attendance, 5 visits,	5 00
	\$154 12

Emerson Woodbury,—

Paid Nahum Newton for 52 weeks board,	\$143 00	
L. W. Newton for clothing,	6 71	
	<hr/>	\$149 71

S. B. Newton,—

Paid Nahum Newton for 52 weeks board,	\$143 00	
L. W. Newton for clothing,	8 42	
	<hr/>	151 42

Mrs. Rowena Greenwood and Mary Works,—

Paid Cash \$10 a month for 12 months,	\$120 00	
F. E. Carey, med. attendance,	9 00	
Mrs. Davis, for washing,	3 00	
	<hr/>	132 00

Lois Saunders,—

Paid John M. Brummitt, of Wayland, for board from Jan. 12, 1878, to Jan. 12, 1879,	<hr/>	\$104 00
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David Warfield,—

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board from Apr. 8, 1878, to July 20, 1878, \$3.50,	\$52 00	
Funeral Expenses,	12 50	
Telegram,	56	
	<hr/>	65 06

Mrs. F. Bird,—

Paid Berry and Hastings for groceries,	\$10 00	
A. S. Howe & Son, milk,	11 80	
L. W. Newton for groceries,	72 25	
Cash,	8 32	
Cash for house rent,	17 50	
2 tons coal,	13 88	
B. F. Prentiss, 1 cord wood,	6 50	
“ “ for milk,	7 05	
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	\$147 30	\$908 61

Mrs. Stowell St. Peters,—

Paid Berry and Hastings, for groceries,	\$15 00	
J. Rivers, for rent,	23 00	
W. Giben, for milk,	2 61	
L. W. Newton, for groceries,	82 23	
Cash,	46 71	
B. F. Prentiss, for milk,	4 84	
“ “ for $\frac{7}{8}$ cord wood and preparing,	6 00	
“ “ for team and time to Marlboro',	1 00	
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Amount carried forward, - - 181 39

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	-	-	\$181 39	
B. F. Prentiss, for rent,	.	.	14 11	
“ “ for coal,	.	.	10 87	
			<hr/>	\$206 37
Mrs. Francis Davis,—				
Paid cash, \$1 50 per week, 52 weeks,	.	.		\$78 00
Mrs. Mary Hobbs,—				
Paid City of Boston, for her support from Jan. 1, 1878				
to Sept. 30, 1878,	.	.	.	\$27 00
Mrs. Hannah J. Robinson,—				
Paid City of Boston, for her support from Jan.				
1, 1878 to Dec. 31, 1878,	.	.	\$28 98	
B. F. Prentiss, for fare and time,	.	.	2 90	
			<hr/>	\$31 88
Patrick Fitzgerald,—				
Paid Berry & Hastings, for goods,	.	.	5 00	
L. W. Newton, for groceries,	.	.	71 10	
			<hr/>	76 10
J. Raymond,—				
Paid S. G. Fay, for coal,	.	.	1 75	
Town of Marlborough, for groceries,	.	.	10 00	
L. W. Newton, for groceries,	.	.	22 42	
			<hr/>	34 17
T. Riley,—				
Paid J. H. Robinson, M. D. for 8 visits,	-	.	12 00	
B. F. Prentiss, team and time,	.	.	1 00	
			<hr/>	13 00
George E. Onthank,—				
Paid Town of Marlborough, for groceries,	.	.	2 00	
Daniel Chick, for boarding family 5 weeks,		.	15 00	
Town of Marlborough, for coal,	.	.	5 75	
			<hr/>	22 75
Mrs. Rivers,—				
Paid Town of Marlborough, for provisions from				
May to July, 1878,	.	.	.	22 00
G. M. Brigham and family,—				
Paid Town of Westborough for support,	.	.	5 00	
B. F. Prentiss, for team and time,	.	.	50	
Cash,	.	.	10 00	
team and time,	.	.	60	
			<hr/>	16 10

## E. Roberts,—

Paid City of Worcester, for aid, . . .	11 60	
“ “ for burial of his wife, . . .	10 00	
B. F. Prentiss, fare and time, . . .	1 46	
	<hr/>	23 06

## Matthew Gleason and family,—

Paid Town of Ayer, for support from Oct. 11, 1878  
to Dec. 23, 1878,—

C. Brown, for groceries, - -	24 48	
B. H. Hartwell, M. D., medical attendance, . . .	8 00	
A. W. Felch, for wood, - -	4 50	
Michael McInnery, for rent, - -	6 00	
moving goods to depot, - -	75	
railroad fares, - - - -	2 50	
Bradley & Brigham, stove lining and grate, . . .	1 50	
B. F. Prentiss, expenses to Ayer, -	5 40	
board of Gleason family 3 days at James Fessenden's, Dec. 24, 25 and 26, . . .	4 00	
railroad, freight on goods, - -	4 25	
Jones & Son, for groceries, - -	6 45	
L. C. Newton, for moving family and goods, . . .	2 00	
Wright Brothers, groceries, - -	9 12	
	<hr/>	78 95

## Mary Martin,—

Paid L. W. Newton, for groceries, - -	1 63	
Jones & Son, for groceries, -	38 16	
C. Newton, for rent, - - -	6 00	
B. F. Prentiss, for team and time, Westboro', . . .	60	
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## Mrs. George Thompson and family,—

Paid J. H. Robinson, for medical attendance, . . .	7 00	
Wright Brothers, for groceries, -	3 77	
L. W. Newton, for groceries, -	1 86	
“ “ for coal, - -	9 48	
Frank Chickering, for rent from Oct. 28, 1878 to Feb. 28, 1879, - -	10 00	
C. Newton, for wood, - - -	1 20	
	<hr/>	33 31

## Tramps,—

Paid F. A. Dorr, for care of 101 tramps, from

March 1, 1878 to April 3, 1878, -	15 15	
Nahum Newton, for care of tramps from		
April 3, 1878 to Feb. 28, 1879,	84 85	
L. W. Newton, for 4 mattresses, -	8 00	
	<hr/>	108 00
Paid Pratt & Brothers, for printing 100 envel-		
opes and 50 three-cent stamps, -	2 40	
printing letter sheets for notifying purposes,	1 37	
Sanford & Co., for one order book, -	4 00	
	<hr/>	7 77
C. H. Bidgelow and wife,—		
Paid for board at House of Correction for		
C. Bidgelow, from Jan. 1 to Feb. 26, 1878,	8 14	
“ “ “ Oct. 14 to Dec. 31, 1878,	11 15	
Emily P. Bidgelow, from Oct. 14 to Nov.		
23, 1878, - - -	5 71	
	<hr/>	25 00
Paid C. J. Hooper, for groceries, - -	8 00	
C. S. Bradley, M. D., for examination and		
certificate, - - -	1 50	
for fuel, - - -	4 63	
	<hr/>	14 13
Apr. 1, B. F. Prentiss, for team and time to		
Marlboro', arranging expenses with poor,	2 50	
Sept. team and time to Marlboro', - -	1 00	
postage stamps and stationery, -	1 50	
Oct. team and time to Marlboro', settling bills,	1 00	
Feb. “ “ “ “ “	1 50	
	<hr/>	7 50
John A. Doyle,—		
Paid John Doyle, for board and care 10 weeks,	44 00	
J. H. Robinson, for setting fractured thigh,	5 00	
“ “ 36 visits, - -	36 00	
	<hr/>	85 00
Paid B. F. Prentiss, expense and time to Boston, on		
Mrs. Whiting and Robinson's case, - -	2 90	
Eliza Williams and family,—		
Paid Town of Northbridge, for support from May		
18, 1878 to Feb. 24, 1879, -	72 00	
B. F. Prentiss, for team and time, -	4 00	
C. Newton, for team and time, -	4 00	
	<hr/>	80 00

Maud P. Johnson,—

Paid State Industrial School, for 16 weeks' board,			
from Jan. 1 to April 21, 1878,	-	-	16 00

E. Claffin,—

Paid State Reform School, for board of E. Claffin,			
from Jan. 1 to Jan. 7, 1878,	-	-	1 00

A. Wendal,—

Paid for support,	-	-	-	5 00
Wright Brothers, for coal,	-	-	-	3 75
B. F. Prentiss, team and time, Hopkinton,				1 50
				<hr/> 10 25

Mary Robinson,—

Paid Frank Chickering, for rent from Sept. 1, 1877				
to Feb. 15, 1878,	-	-	-	13 55

Margaret Newton,—

Paid expense for moving her from Tewksbury Alms				
house to Nahum Newton's,	-	-	-	7 49

James Roche,—

Paid W. S. Wilson, for groceries,	-	-	7 22
L. W. Newton, for groceries,	-	-	2 00
F. A. Dorr, wood,	-	-	3 25
			<hr/> 12 47

Sarah McDevett,—

Paid F. A. Dorr, for 12 months' rent,			
from March 1, 1878, to Feb. 28, 1879,	-	-	24 00

Rosa White,—

Paid J. H. Robinson, medical attendance,	-	-	3 00
Nahum Newton, Expenses to			
Tewksbury almshouse to ascertain			
if A. F. Stone was there,	-	-	3 05

#### STATE PAUPERS.

Eliza Whiteing and 5 children,—

Paid Mrs. Shea for care,	-	-	10 00
Mr. Roche for washing,	-	-	2 00
Mrs. Lord for care and milk,	-	-	11 45
L. Boucher for meat,	-	-	85
Johnson for bakers bread,	-	-	1 80
J. O. Hooper for groceries,	-	-	17 95
B. L. Prentiss, for fuel,	-	-	2 54
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Amounts carried forward,	-	-	46 59	2033 80
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	-	-	\$46 59	
team and time, Hopkinton,	-	-	1 00	
F. E. Carey, M. D., medical attendance,			11 25	
9 visits.				
			<hr/>	58 84

## STATE PAUPERS.

Paid S. N. Thompson, for 5 5-7 weeks'				
board and care, John Peterson,	-		40 00	
J. H. Robinson, for medical				
attendance, 29 visits,	-	-	29 00	
Expense moving Peterson				
to Tewksbury almshouse,	-	-	7 78	76 78
			<hr/>	2169 42
Whole amount of Orders Drawn,	-	-	2169 42	
Services of Overseers,	-	-	60 00	
			<hr/>	2229 42
Received of Town of Marlboro,	-	12 47		
Stowe,	-	98 55		
City of Worcester,	-	3 00		
E. Claflin,	-	1 00		
		<hr/>	115 02	
Due from Commonwealth,	-	52 57		
Grafton,		45 79		
G. H. Estabrooks, on E. Roberts				
Account,		10 00		
		<hr/>	108 36	
There have been paid during the year bills to the amount of Eighty-four & 97-100 dollars, which properly belong to the year ending February 28th, 1878.				
			84 97	308 35
			<hr/>	<hr/>
				1921 07

Number fully supported sixteen.

Average cost per week \$1 26.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. PRENTISS,	} Overseers of the poor.
L. W. NEWTON,	
CURTIS NEWTON,	

## STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

District.	N A M E S .	Appropriation	Road.	Snow.	Unexpended.	Overdrawn.
No. 1,	F. A. Winchester,	\$345 11	\$226 77	\$14 10	118 34	
2,	William Jenison,	89 61	89 20	9 47	41	
3,	P. McMahan, .	123 89	123 89	12 37		
4,	D. H. Brewer, .	202 08	208 08	5 10		
5,	H. G. Wilson, .	89 78	89 74	7 90	04	
6,	F. A. Dorr, . .	185 99	184 15	12 86	1 84	
7,	Nahum Newton,	185 55	185 99	90		44
8,	A. E. Bacon, .	114 23	114 14	4 72	09	
9,	J. A. J. Fay, .	84 81	84 81	3 44		
10,	B. F. Pierce, .	59 81	59 81	12 60		
11,	Jonas Fay, . .	89 46	89 46	5 06		
12,	S. L. Long, . .	130 14	129 07	16 20	1 07	
13,	A. J. Newton, .	99 54	99 54	13 13		
		1800 00	1678 65	116 95	121 74	44

F. A. WINCHESTER,  
 C. B. SAWIN,  
 J. W. HAMMOND,  
*Selectmen of Southborough.*

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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Number of children in town May 1, 1878, between  
5 and 15 years, . . . . . 355

### SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

#### *Peters High School.*

Paid Robert E. Denfeld, Principal,	
for teaching one term, . . . . .	\$333 34
Lewis H. Meader, Principal,	
for teaching two terms, . . . . .	666 66
Laura M. Chamberlain, Assist-	
ant, for teaching 13 weeks, . . . . .	130 00
Louise M. Balch, Assistant,	
for teaching 24 weeks, . . . . .	240 00
for fuel and preparing same, . . . . .	74 33
for care of school-house & fires, . . . . .	30 90
	\$1475 23

#### *Grammar School.*

Paid Samuel F. Blodgett	
for teaching 35 weeks, . . . . .	555 00
for fuel and preparing same, . . . . .	38 89
for care of school-house & fires, . . . . .	19 00
for book for desk, . . . . .	3 00
	615 89

#### *School in Ward No. 1.*

Paid Helen M. Harlow,	
for teaching 10 weeks, . . . . .	90 00
Altha V. Stoddard,	
for teaching 10 weeks, . . . . .	80 00
Fannie Maraspin,	
for teaching 10 weeks, . . . . .	80 00
for fuel & preparing same, . . . . .	34 50
for care of school-house & fires, . . . . .	11 45
	295 95

<i>Amount carried forward,</i> . . . . .	2387 07
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*Amount brought forward,* . . . \$2387 07  
*School in Ward No. 2.*

Paid Elfie M. Fairbanks,  
     for teaching 10 weeks, . . . 80 00  
 Nettie M. Cook,  
     for teaching 20 weeks, . . . 160 00  
     for fuel and preparing the same, 16 75  
     for care of school-house & fires, 10 50  
     ————— 267 25

*School in Ward No. 3.*

Paid Cora A. Newton,  
     for teaching 30 weeks . . . 300 00  
     for fuel and preparing same, . 42 95  
     for care of school-house & fires, 15 50  
     ————— 358 45

*School in Ward No. 4.*

Paid Mary H. Stevens,  
     for teaching 10 weeks, . . . 80 00  
 Elfie M. Fairbanks,  
     for teaching 20 weeks, . . . 160 00  
     for fuel and preparing same, . 26 00  
     for care of school-house & fires, 12 50  
     ————— 278 50

*School in Ward No. 5.*

Paid Lucie N. Fisher,  
     for teaching 30 weeks, . . . 240 00  
     for fuel and preparing same, 28 00  
     for care of school-house and fires, 8 50  
     ————— 276 50

*Schools in Ward No. 6.*

Paid Sarah A. Williams,  
     for teaching 30 weeks, . . . 240 00  
     for fuel and preparing same, 25 00  
     for care of school-house and fires, 10 50  
     ————— 275 50

*School in Ward No. 7.*

Paid Nellie A. Hyde,  
     for teaching 30 weeks, . . . 240 00  
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*Amounts carried forward,* . . . 240 00 3843 27

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$240 00	\$3843 27
Paid Mary E. Dorr,		
for teaching 11 weeks,	88 00	
Lefa Carter, Assistant,		
for teaching 20 weeks,	120 00	
for fuel and preparing sune,	36 50	
for care of school-house and fires,	23 20	
		<hr/> 507 70
Total,		4,350 97
<i>School appropriation, 1878.</i>	\$4 000 00	
State fund,	190 22	
One-half dog tax,	72 66	
Received from Marlboro' tuition,	25 00	4,287 88
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Overdrawn,		63 09
<i>Incidental appropriation,</i>		500 00
Amt. received from sale of old fence in Ward 7,		6 00
Amt. received from sale of pump in Ward 2,		7 00
		<hr/> 513 00

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Merchants for crayons,	9 75
Ink.	11 73
for books to be used by scholars,	12 50
E. F. Bigelow, for painting schoolroom	
in Ward No. 2,	5 35
Wright Bros. for paint and oil for same,	6 65
Sherwood S. F. Co. for desk for Ward No. 3,	12 00
R. R. Company for freight on same,	30
for Erasers,	5 48
F. Fairbank, for building fence in Ward	
No. 7,	46 45
E. Burnett, for three Posts,	60
cash paid for hardware, for Grammar-	
school house,	9 97
cash paid for " school house	
in Ward No. 7	1 25
cash paid, for repairing windows in	
Ward No. 7,	1 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	123 03

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$123 03
Paid R. R. Co. for freight and lumber,	6 78
S. Brigham, for labor at school house in Ward No. 7,	2 50
E. Burnett, for labor of men and teams at Grammar-school house, &c.	6 74
Charles Baker & Co. for lumber for fence in Ward No. 7,	50 48
E. Flagg, posts for fence, Ward 7,	7 80
D. H. Brewer, for labor self, men, and teams at school-house in Ward No. 2,	38 62
Paid T. Cunneen, for labor in yard at Gram. School-house,	3 75
Paid Walworth M. Co., for pump, pipe, &c., for Ward No. 2,	21 51
R. R. Co. for freight on same,	44
for glass for school houses,	3 29
A. W. Wendall, for repairing window in No. 4,	50
F. Wheeler, for fixing stove-pipe in Ward No. 7,	1 00
C. J. Clark, for Order Book and Blank Bills,	7 00
George H. Brown, for work on well in Ward No. 2,	1 50
F. A. Dorr, for carting gravel at school- house in Ward No. 4,	4 00
George H. Brown, for work at school- house,	2 50
O. F. Putnam, for hardware, pipe, &c., for Gram. school-house,	3 49
George H. Brown, for labor at school- house in Ward No. 2,	1 50
D. H. Brewer, self, men and team, fixing school-house and well at No. 2,	3 00
F. Moulton for repairs on school-house in Ward 3,	4 19
C. B. Sawin, for plank,	1 59
George E. Lane, for labor at High School house,	1 75
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	296 96

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$296 96
Paid Merchants, for books and slates to be used by scholars,	28 28
W. A. Walker, for pump for Ward No. 2,	15 00
P. B. Caldwell, for repairing lock,	20
E. S. Whitcomb, for fixing stove-pipe in Ward No. 4,	1 00
Merchants, for brooms, dippers & matches,	3 98
J. C. Clark, for certificates for children,	6 25
George L. Herrick, for repairing windows in Ward 4,	2 00
Bradley & Brigham, for repairing furnace in High School house,	9 57
George F. Barney, for repairs on school- house in Wards 1 and 5 and H. S. house,	19 00
J. A. Page, for repairs on H. S. house,	3 25
L. F. Johnson, for moving fence in H. S. yard,	2 00
Prush Bro's., for stove-pipe for school- house in Ward 3,	2 06
F. Moulton, for repairs on school-house in Ward 3,	2 15
Merchants, for stationery,	3 43
Curtis Newton, for boards,	72
E. A. Buck, for self and team,	2 00
D. H. Brewer, for labor, self, men and horse, in Ward 2,	3 75
For book, postage and stationery,	1 56
D. H. Thomson, for repairing school- house in Ward 3,	1 00
S. Taft, for repairing door steps, mending locks, in Ward 4,	3 57
for pails and cord,	28
for coal shovels,	93
for dust brushes,	88
for hardware for school-houses,	8 78
for coal hod,	75
for ink wells,	3 50
W. S. Wilson & Co., for clock for Ward 2,	3 50
for 2 chairs for Ward 3,	2 00
for bells,	2 62
Total,	\$431 07
Unexpended,	81 93

## LIST OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

March 1, 1879.

1878.		1878.	
S. E. Brigham,	\$22 24	Amt. Brought up,	\$148 31
M. Burns,	11 63	W. Parmenter,	4 20
J. Burdett,	18 82	P. S. Parmenter,	13 75
C. Bullard,	2 00	John Pratt,	2 00
James Barnes,	2 00	H. T. Rowles,	3 79
F. E. Day,	15 48	D. Shea,	2 00
J. Donahue,	13 11	N. H. Tyler,	2 44
W. W. Day,	2 00	P. Toomey,	9 48
David Dunn,	3 10	W. Toomey,	7 92
E. Davis,	2 00	C. Williams,	2 00
P. Donahue 2nd,	2 00	F. D. Works,	11 52
N. W. Fay, <i>Balance</i> ,	2 54	S. A. Warner,	2 00
G. W. Fay,	3 71	G. F. Cole,	9 35
P. Gendron,	11 90	M. A. Fisher,	40 70
C. H. Garland,	2 00	J. B. Bird,	13 75
W. W. Howe,	3 35	C. S. Pratt,	7 70
J. A. Hunt,	5 30	P. Collins,	8 80
H. Heenan,	2 00	J. F. Chickering,	9 90
C. Harper,	2 00	James Hovey,	8 80
T. Kent,	2 00	R. W. Whiting,	5 50
T. A. Miller,	17 13	G. W. Newton,	55
Fred. Marshall,	2 00	O. B. Busk,	55
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	148 31		315 01

## STATE AID.

*Paid during the Year ending Feb. 28, 1879.*


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Anna B. Bellows,	.	.	.	.	.	\$48 00
Geo. Brown,	.	.	.	.	.	72 00
A. H. Doyle,	.	.	.	.	.	96 00
Edward McKnight,	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
John A. Hunt,	.	.	.	.	.	28 00
Geo. W. Fay, Law of 1878.	.	.	.	.	.	11 36
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						\$355 36

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## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The committee present herewith their Annual Report  
for the year ending Feb. 28, 1879:—

Said Wm. Jennison for 12 days' work,	.	.	.	.	.	18 00
“ “ “ 6 hours' “	.	.	.	.	.	90
C. W. Jennison “ 2½ days' work,	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
Henry Newton “ 1 “ “	.	.	.	.	.	1 75
for use of horse,	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
“ repair on hearse,	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
“ hitching rings,	.	.	.	.	.	75
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						26 40

The committee also report in their hands Five Dollars  
from Town Treasurer as income from funds of Mrs. Sullivan Fay's Estate.

FRANKLIN ESTE,	} Committee.
A. D. HOWE,	
F. A. WINCHESTER,	

## MEMORIAL DAY.

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The Committee herewith present their Annual Report  
for Year Ending Feb. 28, 1879:—

Paid for orator, . . . . .	\$10 00
for music, . . . . .	35 00
for transportation, . . . . .	17 50
A. J. Lewis, for team, . . . . .	3 00
for flowers and wreath,. . . . .	12 50
for printing. . . . .	1 50
for flags, . . . . .	1 00
Henry Newton for services, . . . . .	3 00
Wright Bros., . . . . .	1 50
Cash returned to selectmen, . . . . .	5 00

Order Drawn, . . . . .	90 00
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Geo. Cantello, *for the Committee.*

Feb. 28th, 1879.

## FAY LIBRARY.

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The Trustees of the Fay Library submit the following Report, viz.:—

By the statistics furnished by the Librarian, Miss Francena E. Buck, it appears that the whole number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 28, 1879, was.	3,901
Number of books delivered the past year.	8,710
Average number of books delivered weekly,	186
Greatest number delivered in one week,	248
Greatest number delivered to one family,	273
Increase in number of books the past year,	158
Number of books lost,	2
Number of books given to Library,	2
Amount of fines collected,	\$24 22
Amount of fines uncollected,	3 20

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Total 27 42

For and in behalf of the Trustees.

DEXTER NEWTON, *Secretary.*

Southboro, March 1, 1879.

L. W. NEWTON, *in account with Fay Library,*

DR.

March 5, 1878. Balance in Treasury,	1636 03
Feb. 23, 1879. Received of Dr. A.	
Bigelow, Interest,	100 00
Feb. 28, 1879. Received of Dr. A.	
Bigelow, Dog Money,	72 66
Feb. 28, 1879. Received of Librarian	
for fines,	24 22
	<hr/> \$1832 91

CR.

Feb. 1879. Cash paid Lee & Shepard	
for books,	125 50
Cash in Treasury Including notes,	1707 41
	<hr/> \$1832 91

Respectfully submitted.

L. W. NEWTON,

*Treasurer Fay Library.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

The Town Clerk herewith presents his Annual Report:—

Births registered, males,	-	-	-	21	
females,	-	-	-	21	
				—	42
Marriages registered,	-	-	-	-	16
Deaths registered,	-	-	-	7	
females,	-	-	-	10	
				—	17

## DEATHS.

DATE.	NAMES.	YEARS.	MO'S.	DAYS.
1878.				
Feb. 7,	Jane B. Peck, - - -	28	1	26
11,	Jennie Peck, - - -			5
14,	Abby B. Frail, - - -	59	7	3
Mar. 7,	Alice Senical, - - -		1	28
Apr. 8,	Mary Peck, - - -		2	2
May 1,	John Donahue, - - -	7	8	
1,	George C. Harlow, - - -	54	7	22
17,	Edward Lambert, - - -			3
19,	Henry Sawyer, - - -		10	15
July 18,	Susie Mabel Niles, - - -	2	6	22
31,	Darius Fay, - - -	71	3	
Aug. 25,	Adeline Haven, - - -	46	11	16
27,	Artemus Ward, - - -	79	8	
Sept. 1,	Peter Damgaard, - - -	28		
Oct. 2,	Mary S. Johnson, - - -	74		5
30,	Juliet Brown, - - -	33	10	
Nov. 9,	Ellen L. Doyle, - - -	14		

F. ESTE, TOWN CLERK.

## TOWN-HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The Town-house Committee present herewith their Report for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1879:—

DR.	
To cash received for rent of hall, . . .	\$149 00
CR.	
By cash paid for gasolene, . . .	38 41
kerosene, . . .	45
wood, . . .	26 62
C. Hyde, janitor, . . .	76 50
Treasurer, . . .	7 02
	149 00
Wood and gasolene on hand February 28th,	
1879, . . .	\$15 00
February 28th,	
1878, . . .	20 00

CURTIS HYDE,	}	<i>Town House Committee.</i>
C. B. SAWIN,		
I. G. HOWE,		

## LIST OF JURORS.

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We prepose and recommend the following named persons as jurors :

Benj. F. Pierce,  
J. W. Hammond,  
Forest E. Day,  
William P. Willson,  
Henry H. Newton,  
O. L. Gridley,  
L. C. Newton,  
Dexter Newton,  
Richardson Goddard,  
Harrison Neal,  
Warren Parmenter,  
Samuel Taft,  
John A. Page,  
Sylvester C. Fay,  
John F. Wright,  
I. G. Howe,  
Isaac Howard,  
W. A. Angier,

F. A. Dorr,  
Hubbard Willson,  
Henry G. Wilson,  
J. F. Pearl,  
Charles H. Miller,  
John Blair,  
George F. Barney,  
W. I. C. Hobbs,  
H. F. Webster,  
L. W. Newton,  
Francis Fisher,  
C. L. Johnson,  
Frank D. Newton,  
J. I. Marshall,  
Curtis Hyde,  
H. S. Wheeler,  
A. E. Bacon,  
F. W. Hayden,

F. A. WINCHESTER,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
C. B. SAWIN,	}	<i>of</i>
J. W. HAMMOND.	}	<i>Southborough.</i>

## TOWN DEBTS AND ASSETS.

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Statement of town debts and assets, February 28, 1879:—

Fay library, . . . . .	\$1,500 00
Town debt funded, . . . . .	30,000 00
Interest to Feb. 28, 1879, . . . . .	845 75

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\$32,345 75

Available assets :—

Cash in treasury, . . . . .	2,043 15
Uncollected taxes, . . . . .	315 01
Amount due from State (state aid), . . . . .	355 36
Sinking fund, . . . . .	2,073 41
Amount due on pauper account, . . . . .	108 36

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\$4,895 29

Indebtedness, Feb. 28, 1879, \$27,450 46.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The assessors respectfully report to the town that in consequence of the general depreciation in the value of property, we have deemed it advisable the past year to depart somewhat from the former custom, and have taken time to examine, compare and revalue the real estate in town. On much of the real estate we have made large deductions in the valuation, and on nearly all we have made some.

May 1, 1878.

Total value of personal property,	\$229,414	
real estate,	997,548	
Total valuation,	—————	\$1,226,962
Number of polls,	533	
Tax on polls,	\$1066	
State tax,	770 00	
County Tax,	1400 51	
Town Grants,	12,020 00	
Overlayings,	373 05	
Total tax for State, county and town purposes, including overlayings,	14,563 56	
Rate per cent. of tax,	.011	
Number of Dwelling Houses,	384½	
Horses,	320	
Cows,	920	
Sheep,	0	
Acres of land taxed,	9,527	
Amt. of taxes abated of 1877,	\$8 48	
1878,	60 49	68 97
Services of assessors:—		
Benjamin F. Pierce,	62 50	
Dexter Newton,	65 00	
Samuel Taft,	56 25	
Stationery,	4 74	
Postage,	57	\$189 06
BENJAMIN F. PIERCE,	} Assessors of Southborough.	
DEXTER NEWTON,		
SAMUEL TAFT,		
SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1879.		

## SINKING FUND.

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Commissioners of Sinking Fund submit the following report.

### RECEIPTS.

From town treasurer, . . . . .	\$2000 00
interest on loans, . . . . .	40 58
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	2,040 58

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Loaned on mortgages, . . . . .	\$1800 00
Cash on deposit, . . . . .	240 58
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	2,040 58

Interest due on loans to March 1st, 1879, \$32.83,  
added to the above, gives as total amount of Sinking  
Fund, March 1st, 1879, \$2,073.41.

W. H. BUCK,	}	<i>Commissioners of Sinking Fund.</i>
H. WILLSON,		
J. H. ROBINSON,		

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF  
SOUTHBOROUGH,  
FOR THE YEAR 1878-79.

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## REPORT.

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FELLOW CITIZENS:—Another year has passed and the time has arrived when your School Committee are expected to make their Report. In doing so it is necessary to refer to the change which was made in the school *year* last spring. Previous to that time the year had commenced with the spring term, while in most schools like the Peters High School it commenced with the Autumn term. It seemed desirable for various reasons, that the commencement of the school year should correspond with that of other schools, among the most prominent of these reasons is, that it gives both Committee and teacher a better opportunity to make their arrangements for the ensuing year. If the committee wish to employ a teacher from one of our colleges and the school year commences in april, three months must pass away before his graduation, and he must decline the offer which he would gladly accept or at a great sacrifice of privilege, leave his college before his term of study has expired; so also if he is unemployed and wishes to secure a school for himself, the present engagement affords him an opportunity to do so during the long vacation which precedes the commencement of the autumn term. These and other considerations induced us to continue our school year one term beyond its accustomed length and the services of Mr. R. E. Denfield and Miss Laura M. Chamberlain were retained for that term, and the present school year commenced with autumn term.

The Ward schools have made very commendable progress in all the branches of study to which their attention has been called. This progress must be looked for and found, if found at all, in the improved scholarship of individuals and classes as they rise from year to year in age and attainment; for while these schools are depleted every

year for the purpose of forming new classes in the higher schools, we may not expect that they will reach in any given year a standard of excellence far exceeding that reached by the same school in the year next preceding, and yet in comparing the scholars now in school with themselves a year ago, we can readily see that decided progress has been made and in some instances attainments which demand our highest commendation.

One of these schools has been encumbered by a large number of little children, some of whom, at the commencement of there attendance did not know a letter of the alphabet and could not speak a single word of our language, and the teacher should be commended for the patience with which she has endured this infliction and congratulated on the success which crowned her efforts to overcome these obstacles in her way and teaching these children to read and some of them to understand some of the first principles of arithmetic.

Declamation and composition have been successfully practiced in these schools, especially letter writing, of which we have had some excellent specimens.

Spelling has been a daily exercise, sometimes by words written upon a slate or blackboard, sometimes orally in the use of words selected from the lesson read and sometimes from the speller with definitions.

A good degree of attention has been given to writing and in most instances the chirography, has been improved. Grammar, geography, and arithmetic have received their due attention and we have found evidence of earnest study and faithful instruction in them all; we have also had some fine specimens in drawing.

Changes of teachers for various reasons have been more frequent than usual in one or two schools, not in all instances for any fault ascribed to the teacher but for reasons which seemed to us to justify the change.

In one or two instances young ladies of excellent character, scholarship and culture were employed, who disappointed the expectations of the committee in a failure to control their schools. Whether this resulted from inability to govern or from a false theory of government is a question which we will not pause here to discuss.

Young teachers often suppose that a school, gathered promiscuously from a neighborhood where children are subjected to all kinds of government and in many families to none at all, can be governed purely by love; and certain it is that no element is so efficient when well incorporated with the principles of government as love; but the child whom you would govern must first learn obedience to the behest of law, not necessarily and always "from the things which he has suffered," but by being somehow convinced of the necessity of the one and the propriety of the other.

This secured and all the affection manifested by the teacher for her school will almost certainly be reciprocated, but let respect, for her person and authority, fail to be secured, or when secured be lost, and anarchy and confusion will certainly follow in its train.

In school government we would have nothing unreasonable, nothing rash, but a disobedient and refractory child should not be allowed to interrupt the progress of others and so destroy the school.

Common schools should not be expected to supply the deficiencies of parental government and home education; but they should furnish the means for thorough instruction in the rudiments of a good English education and prepare the way for higher attainments when the minds of scholars are more fully developed.

The design of our higher institutions of learning is not simply to impart knowledge but to discipline the mind of the student and point out to him the sources whence knowledge may be obtained.

Mere learning is not all that should be sought by superintendents and teachers of schools, the whole mental and moral nature should be developed and improved as far as circumstances will permit.

That teacher has done but half her duty, who simply assigns the lessons and hears the recitations of the day; *moral*s should be inculcated by precept and example and guarded at the most assailable points. Little lectures may sometimes be given in ethics, suggested by something in the lesson or some incident of the day which may become powerful safeguards and efficient instruments in molding the destiny of those committed to her care. Human fore-

sight cannot penetrate the future and human ken cannot predict with certainty what these children will be, but judging of the future by past experience and observation, we may be almost sure that they will be in coming life what they have been prepared to be by faithful instruction or criminal neglect in early life. A teacher therefore cannot be too careful in personal demeanor, modes of expression and in all that is combined in a character which always secures the respect and wins the kindly regard, even, of those who have been less highly favored than herself.

Every teacher should thoroughly understand what she attempts to teach, but that is not the best teacher who studies for her school and leaves the least possible for her scholars to do. The child will never learn to walk who is always carried in the arms of a nurse, and never to walk *surely* who is assisted over every rough place that is found in his way. No more will the child or youth become a good scholar, an independent thinker and self reliant man who is aided in the solution of every difficult problem which his lesson may contain; all the physical, mental and moral powers are developed and strengthened by exercise, and that teacher who instructs the child how this can be most effectively done, does most to secure his present happiness and future welfare in life.

Mr. S. F. Blodgett has taught the Grammar school another year with his well known ability, and the people of the two villages from which his school is gathered have reason to congratulate themselves on the fact that their school has been so long in the care of a teacher who by his courteous manner, constant endeavor and uniform success has secured the confidence of the Committee, the personal esteem of parents and affection of his pupils.

The Spring term of the Peters High-school was taught by Mr. Robert E. Denfield assisted by Miss Laura M. Chamberlain, and closed by the graduation of an excellent class trained under their instruction.

The estimation in which Mr. Denfield was held as teacher by your Committee may be learned from the school reports of the last two years and the fact that we offered him the school another year at a salary of one thousand dollars which offer he declined to accept.

During the Spring term a petition was placed in our hands requesting that the services of Mr. Denfield might

be retained another year ; but it came too late ; we had already engaged the services of Mr. Louis H. Meader, and the contract could not honorably be broken ; regarding himself bound by it, he had refused an offer of a thousand dollars from another place and however strong may have been the desire of the committee to retain the services of Mr. Denfield it could not be done without subjecting Mr. Meader to an inconvenience and loss which we are quite sure no petitioner, understanding the case, would have justified us in doing.

Mr. Meader came to us recommended by the Professors of Dartmouth College, of which he is a graduate, and by several school committees by whom he had been employed, and by his courteous manner, unswerving fidelity to his school, he has fully sustained his former reputation as a scholar, a gentleman and a teacher. We have rarely seen the work in a school like the Peters High School more effectively and better done than it has been by Mr. Meader and Miss Balch.

Much has been said in past time in regard to the expense of this school and it certainly is a subject worthy of consideration ; but we have not been willing that it should fall so far below the standard of High Schools around us as to be unworthy of its founder and the people by whom it has been sustained.

There are two ways by which the expense of this school may be reduced. One is by reducing it to the grade of an ordinary grammar school, excluding all foreign languages and many of the higher branches of study now pursued in the school and employing but one teacher. The other is by excluding all children and youth from the school who have not reached the standard of a good grammar school education, before entering the High School. The former we do not think was the plan contemplated by the founder of the school and the latter would leave the central, western and eastern parts of the town, Grantville included, without the means of giving their children the privileges of a grammar school and would probably render the building of another house necessary.

ANDREW BIGELOW, } *School Committee*  
DEXTER NEWTON, } *of*  
EDWARD BURNETT, } *Southborough.*

## STATISTICS.

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

## SPRING TERM.

TEACHERS.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number over 15 years.	Length of School in mos.	Wages of Teachers pr month
Robert E. Denfield, Principal, Laura M. Chamberlain, As't,	35	31 $\frac{26}{32}$	30	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$102 56 40 00

## FALL TERM.

Lewis H. Meader, Principal, Louise M. Balch, As't,	32	27 $\frac{6}{10}$	18	3 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	111 11 40 00
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## WINTER TERM.

Lewis H. Meader, Principal, Louise M. Balch, Assistant,	34	29 $\frac{2}{3}$	22	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	102 57 40 00
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## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

## SPRING TERM.

Samuel F. Blodgett, -	32	25 $\frac{7}{20}$	0	3	\$70 00
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## FALL TERM.

Samuel F. Blodgett, -	34	28 $\frac{1}{3}$	0	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	60 00
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## WINTER TERM.

Samuel F. Blodgett, -	37	28 $\frac{4}{5}$	3	3	60 00
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## SPRING TERM.

Wards.	TEACHERS.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 5 years.	Length of School in mo's.	Wages of Teachers pr month
1	Helen M. Harlow, .	49	38 $\frac{68}{100}$	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$36 00
2	Elfie M. Fairbanks, .	23	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
3	Cora A. Newton, .	70	56 $\frac{27}{100}$	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
4	Mary H. Stevens, .	36	30 $\frac{12}{50}$	2	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
5	Lucy N. Fisher, . .	18	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
6	Sarah A. Williams, .	13	10 $\frac{28}{100}$	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
7	Nellie A. Hyde, . .	34	31 $\frac{23}{50}$	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
7	Mary E. Dorr, . .	27	25	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00

## FALL TERM.

1	Altha V. Stoddard, .	48	38 $\frac{2}{5}$	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
2	Nettie M. Cook, . .	25	21 $\frac{72}{95}$	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
3	Cora A. Newton, .	61	49 $\frac{79}{100}$	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
4	Elfie M. Fairbanks, .	33	26 $\frac{9}{50}$	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
5	Lucy N. Fisher, . .	19	17 $\frac{37}{50}$	3	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
6	Sarah A. Williams, .	13	10 $\frac{32}{100}$	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
7 {	Nellie A. Hyde, Prin.	71	61	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
	Lefa Carter, As't, .						24 00

## WINTER TERM.

1	Fannie Maraspin, .	47	36	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
2	Nettie M. Cook, . .	32	25	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
3	Cora A. Newton, .	56	42 $\frac{51}{100}$	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	40 00
4	Elfie M. Fairbanks, .	24	16 $\frac{49}{50}$	0	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
5	Lucy N. Fisher, . .	20	16 $\frac{48}{50}$	3	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
6	Sarah A. Williams, .	10	8 $\frac{33}{50}$	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
7 {	Nellie A. Hyde, Prin.	59	49	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 00
	Lefa Carter, As't, .						24 00

SIXTH ANNUAL

AUDITORS' REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

**TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,**

FOR THE

**Financial Year Ending February 28th, 1880.**

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MARLBOROUGH:

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS.

1880.

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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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The Auditors herewith present their annual report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1880, to the inhabitants of Southborough :

We submit for your approval the following statements of the receipts and expenditures for the past year. We have made a thorough examination of all the bills, vouchers, orders, accounts, and books of the several officers and committees, who have had moneyed transactions with the town, and report them properly cast, approved and vouched.

We would recommend for the purpose of facilitating the business of auditing, that the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor be provided with bill-heads similar to those now in use by the School Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. F. BLODGETT,  
H. C. WILLIAMS,  
BENJ. F. PIERCE,

*Auditors.*

## TOWN WARRANT.

WORCESTER, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Southborough, in said County,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Southborough, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL in said Southborough, on *Monday*, the *Twenty-Second* day of *March* inst., at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the officers and committees of the town.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Fay Library.

ART. 4. To act on the list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 5. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To choose Trustees for the Fay Library.

ART. 7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town, and appropriate the same.

ART. 8. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the town's use.

ART. 10. To see if the town will appropriate one hundred dollars to be expended by Post 44, G. A. R., in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day, and decorating and repairing soldiers' graves.

ART. 11. To see what appropriation the town will make of the Dog Money.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize their School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, and any other officers, to draw orders upon the treasurer for the payment of bills contracted by them.

ART. 13. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges.

ART. 14. To see if the town will purchase an Almshouse, or take any action thereon.

ART. 15. To see what action the town will take to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating drink, and for the better enforcement of the laws.

ART. 16. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended in the Old Cemetery.

The Selectmen suggest that the choosing of School Committee be at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the day of town meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Store and Post Office in Southborough Centre, at the Store in Fayville, at the Store in Cordaville, and at the Store in Southville, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this sixth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty.

F. A. WINCHESTER,

C. B. SAWIN,

J. W. HAMMOND,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

A True Copy, Attest:

JOHN D. SULLIVAN, *Constable of Southborough.*

## TOWN OFFICERS.

### *Town Clerk.*

FRANKLIN ESTE.

### *Selectmen.*

FITCH A. WINCHESTER, one year.      CHARLES B. SAWIN, two years.  
J. W. HAMMOND, three years.

### *Treasurer.*

FRANKLIN ESTE.

### *Collector.*

LEANDER W. NEWTON.

### *Assessors.*

DEXTER NEWTON, one year.      SAMUEL TAFT, two years.  
BENJ. F. PIERCE, three years.

### *Overseers of the Poor.*

B. F. PRENTISS, one year.      L. W. NEWTON, two years.  
CURTIS NEWTON, three years.

### *Highway Surveyors.*

Dist. No. 1 — F. A. WINCHESTER.	Dist. No. 8 — A. E. BACON.
" 2 — WM. JENNISON.	" 9 — WM. COLLINS.
" 3 — R. GODDARD.	" 10 — I. G. HOWE.
" 4 — D. H. BREWER.	" 11 — W. A. ANGIER.
" 5 — B. H. FAY.	" 12 — SAMUEL L. LONG.
" 6 — CYRUS A. HYDE.	" 13 — P. McMAHAN.
" 7 — B. F. PRENTISS.	

### *Trustees of the Fay Library.*

FRANK B. FAY,	W. H. WATSON,	D. S. WHITNEY,
B. S. PROCTOR,	A. E. BACON,	L. A. NEWTON,
L. W. NEWTON,	A. D. NEWTON,	A. BIGELOW,
DEXTER NEWTON,	F. J. STEVENS.	

*Constables.*

F. W. WALKER,      JOHN D. SULLIVAN,      A. W. TYLER.

*Auditors.*

S. F. BLODGETT,      H. C. WILLIAMS,      B. F. PIERCE.

*School Committee.*

A. BIGELOW, one year.	CHARLES H. MILLER, one year.
WM. DAMON, two years.	W. K. DAVEY, two years.
MICHAEL NOONAN, three years.	B. F. PRENTISS, three years.

*Sinking Fund Commissioners.*

HUBBARD WILLSON, one year.	J. H. ROBINSON, two years.
W. H. BUCK, three years.	

*Cemetery Committee.*

A. B. JONES,	F. A. WINCHESTER,	F. ESTE.
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*Town House Committee.*

CURTIS HYDE,	HORACE F. WEBSTER,	CHAS. B. SAWIN.
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*Sextons.*

HENRY NEWTON,	WM. JENNISON.
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## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

FOR THE YEAR 1879.

For Schools.....	\$4,000 00
“ Incidental School Expenses .....	500 00
“ Support of the Poor.....	1,800 00
“ Repair of Highways and Bridges.....	1,800 00
“ Interest on Town Debt.....	2,000 00
“ Sinking Fund.....	1,000 00
“ Salaries of Town Officers.....	800 00
“ Decoration Day.....	100 00
“ Improvement at the Cemetery.....	100 00

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen herewith present their report for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1880:

Town Clerk, salary	\$ 20 00
Selectmen	125 00
Overseers of Poor	60 00
Treasurer	50 00
Collector	125 00
School Committee	
For services of Assessors	200 00
“ Auditors	28 75
“ Constables :	
F. W. Walker	13 72
J. D. Sullivan	18 00
Town Clerk for recording births, marriages, and deaths	34 20
Expenses of Town Clerk for postage, stationery, etc.	13 75
“ Assessors	13 17
“ Memorial Committee	73 50
“ J. W. Hammond in Doyle case	11 00
“ State Aid	2 86
Paid for printing reports	50 00
“ work in cemeteries	18 65
Francena E. Buck, Librarian Fay Library...	73 00
for coal	7 60
for binding books	8 40
Dexter Newton, counsel of Bacon & Hopkins	5 00
repair on Nahum Brewer bridge	5 05
repairs on bridge on Marlboro' road	16 00
“ Deerfoot bridge	9 70
G. F. Barney for injury to horse	30 00
B. F. Pierce, repairs on road, by order of Selectmen	3 75
heirs of A. Light for gravel and measuring	16 50
L. W. Newton, treating fire company	7 92
W. T. Forbes, on Mulligan liquor case	10 00
Curtis Hyde, care of Town House, fuel, etc.	115 00
“ repairs on Town House	29 66
repairs on highways	1772 26
Sinking Fund Commissioners	1000 00
military aid	12 00
incidentals of Selectmen	8 41
snow bills	69 42
F. Este for insurance	159 65
Whole amount of orders drawn	4,236 92

Paid to Town Treasurer :

cash of E. Taylor, for 85 loads of loam	...	\$8 50
" " grass	.....	3 00
" St. Mark's School for 17 loads of loam		1 70
" " " 20 loads of gravel		1 00

14 20

F. A. WINCHESTER,

C. B. SAWIN,

J. W. HAMMOND,

*Selectmen.*

## Statement of Highway Expenses.

DIST.	NAMES.	APPROPRI- ATION.	ROAD.	SNOW.	UNEX- PENDED.	OVER- DRAWN.
No. 1.	F. A. Winchester.....	\$374.74	374.74	11.99		
" 2.	Wm. Jennison.....	97.10	97.10	3.00		
" 3.	R. Goddard.....	120.17	120.17	14.97		
" 4.	D. H. Brewer.....	221.83	220.76	3.39	1.07	
" 5.	B. H. Fay.....	90.40	90.40	5.51		
" 6.	C. A. Hyde.....	195.75	195.73	7.25	.02	
" 7.	B. F. Prentiss.....	199.52	176.97		22.55	
" 8.	A. E. Bacon.....	101.80	101.80	4.02		
" 9.	Wm. Collins.....	83.90	83.90			
" 10.	I. G. Howe.....	61.51	59.31	3.45	2.20	
" 11.	W. A. Angier.....	93.84	93.84	3.52		
" 12.	S. L. Long.....	123.27	121.86	10.32	1.41	
" 13.	P. McMahan.....	36.17	37.18	2.50		1.01
		1,800.00	1,773.76	69.92	27.25	1.01

F. A. WINCHESTER,

C. B. SAWIN,

J. W. HAMMOND,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor herewith present their report for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1880:

## FULLY SUPPORTED.

E. Goulding,	J. H. Dunn,	Mrs. Frances Bird,
S. B. Newton,	Mrs. Saunders,	Miss Hattie Bird,
E. Woodbury,	G. W. Goodnow,	Eddie Bird,
Dexter Brewer,	Mrs. S. Goodnow,	Miss Mary Works,
	Mrs. R. Greenwood.	

## PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Mrs. G. Thompson and 3 children,	Patrick Fitzgerald and wife,
Mrs. M. Gleason     "   5     "	Thomas Riley     "   "
Mrs. S. St. Peters,   "   5     "	C. W. Bidgelow   "   "
Mrs. A. E. Williams   "   4     "	C. V. Smith,
Mrs. Francis Davis   "   4     "	John Sullivan,
Geo. Onthank, wife   "   2     "	Sarah McDavit,
Thomas Boyd     "   7     "	Hannah J. Robinson.
Joseph Raymond, wife   6     "	

### E. GOULDING—

Paid Nahum Newton for board, from Feb. 22,	
'79, to March 29, '79, at \$2.75 per week	\$13 75
from Mar. 29, '79, to Feb. 28, '80, at \$3.50	
per week .....	168 00
L. W. Newton, 1 bottle of bitters.....	92
"           1 spit cup .....	20
"           clothing .....	5 90
C. S. Bradley, M. D., 4 visits .....	3 00
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	191 77

### E. WOODBURY—

Paid Nahum Newton, for board from Feb. 22,	
'79, to Mar. 29, '79 .....	13 75
from Mar. 29, '79, to Feb. 28, '80 .....	120 00
repairing shoes .....	62
L. W. Newton, for clothing .....	10 58
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	144 95

### S. B. NEWTON—

Paid Nahum Newton for board from Feb. 22,	
'79, to Mar. 29, '79.....	13 75
from Mar. '29, '79, to Feb. 28, '80 .....	120 00
L. W. Newton, for clothing .....	10 00
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	143 75

## DEXTER BREWER—

Paid Mrs. G. G. Este, for board from Mar. 10,		
'79, to Apr. 1, '79, at 2.75 .....	\$8	25
from Apr. 1, '79, to Oct. 30, '79 .....	60	30
Nahum Newton, for board from Oct. 30,		
'79, to Feb. 28, '80.....	38	96
L. W. Newton, for clothing .....	20	08
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## G. W. GOODNOW and WIFE—

Paid Nahum Newton for board from March 5,		
'79, to June 28, 16 3-7 weeks, at		
\$7.00 per week .....	115	00
for Mrs. Goodnow, board from June 28 to		
Aug. 30, '79, 63 days.....	63	00
for Mrs. Goodnow, from Aug. 30, '79, to		
Feb. 28, '80, 26 weeks, at \$6 per week	156	00
for G. W. Goodnow, board from June 28		
'79, to Feb. 28 '80, 35 weeks, at \$2.50	87	50
L. W. Newton, for clothing.....	11	25
" " " medicine .....		49
J. H. Robinson, M. D., 25 visits .....	25	00
C. S. Bradley, M. D., 1 visit .....		75
" " " 5 visits to Mrs. Good-		
now, and medicine .....	3	85
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## LOIS SAUNDERS—

Paid John M. Brummitt, for board from Jan. 12		
'79, to Feb. 12, '80.....	112	69
B. F. Prentiss, team and time to Wayland,	3	50
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## J. H. DUNN—

Paid James Foley, for care and board from Dec.		
22, '79, to Feb. 28, '80, at \$2.25		
per week.....	22	17
B. F. Prentiss, for team and time to Hop-		
kinton .....	1	25
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		23 42

## MRS. F. BIRD—

Paid Newton Hartt & Co., for 1,000 lbs. coal....	3	25
L. W. Newton, for groceries from March 1,		
'79, to Feb. 28, '80 . ....	72	05
Cash .....	26	69
C. J. Hooper, for groceries.....	3	00
B. F. Prentiss, for 1-2 cord wood,....	3	25
" " " 4,200 lbs. coal, Jan. 2...	11	15
" " " 1-2 cord wood, Sept. 3..	3	25
" " " provisions, Dec.....	2	43
" " " cash.....	1	57
" " " team and time to Hop-		
kinton and Marlboro', Oct. 9.. ....	3	00

Paid B. F. Prentiss, for cash, Oct. 6	\$3 39	
“ “ “ 1-2 cord wood, Dec.	3 25	
C. S. Bradley, M. D., for 32 visits, Sept. and October, 1879	24 00	
C. S. Bradley, M. D., for wine and medicine,	1 05	
William Jennison, for coffin and funeral ex- penses of Ida Bird	9 00	
John Sullivan, for expense at cemetery in Hopkinton	2 00	
John Bird, for rent of house from Mar. 1, '79, to Feb. 28, '80	30 00	
		202 33

## MRS. ROWENA GREENWOOD AND MARY WORKS—

Paid B. F. Prentiss, for 4200 lbs. coal May 6	11 55	
“ “ “ cash from Mar. 1, '79, to Mar. 1, '80	180 45	
C. S. Bradley, M. D., for 16 visits, April, May and June	12 00	
for wine	2 70	
for medicine	2 15	
Miss Sanford for care	3 00	
Mrs. Bird for care	2 75	
		142 60 21460

## MRS. STOWELL ST. PETERS—

Paid John O'Connell, for coal	6 25	
S. G. Fay, “	1 50	
C. S. Reed, for rent of house from Mar. 1, '79, to Apr. 23, '79	2 65	
E. M. Hudson, for rent of house from Apr. 23, to Sept. 17, '79	19 06	
L. W. Newton, for wood and coal	19 00	
“ “ “ cash from Mar. 1, '79, to Feb. 28, '80	132 75	
for groceries from Mar. to Feb. 28, '80	8 50	
C. S. Reed, for rent of house from Sept. 17, to Feb. 17	12 50	
B. F. Prentiss, team and time to Marlboro' July and Dec., '79	2 50	
		205 05 20471

## J. RAYMOND—

Paid J. O'Connell, for coal May 6	6 25	
C. F. Whitney, for house rent	5 00	
L. W. Newton, for groceries, coal and cloth- ing from Mar. 8, '79, to Nov. 15, '79	26 04	
B. F. Prentiss, for team and time to Marl- boro', Apr. 21, 28 and Feb.	3 75	
L. W. Newton, for time to Marlboro'	1 00	
		42 04

## PATRICK FITZGERALD—

Paid L. W. Newton, for groceries from Mar. 1,		
'79, to Feb. 29, '80.....	\$79 25	79 25

## THOMAS RILEY—

Paid John O'Connell, for coal .....	3 25	
L. W. Newton, for groceries from May to		
Aug. '79 .....	19 89	
S. G. Fay, for coal.....	1 50	
B. F. Prentiss, for team and time.....	1 25	25 89

## C. H. BIDGELOW—

Paid for board at House of Correction, from		
Jan. 1. '79, to Jan. 14, '79 .....	2 00	
B. F. Prentiss, for fuel, Jan. 3, '80 .....	2 00	
" " provisions .....	1 63	5 63

## MRS. GLEASON—

Paid Newton, Hartt & Co., for 1500 lbs. coal...	4 87	
" " 1 foot of wood ..	1 00	
Curtis Newton, for coal and rent .....	6 87	
W. S. Willson & Co., for groceries from Apr.		
20, '79, to Sept. 3, '79 .....	25 04	
Wright Bros., for two pairs shoes. ....	1 75	
L. W. Newton, for groceries from Mar. to		
Apr. 14, '79 .....	9 32	
L. W. Newton, for 2240 lbs. coal, Jan. '80.	7 00	
B. F. Prentiss, for 1 cord wood .....	5 87	
" " 4200 lbs. coal, June....	11 02	
" " provisions, Nov.....	3 04	
" " cash .....	50	
N. B. Parmenter, for wood .....	1 50	
F. A. Dorr, for moving family .....	3 00	
" " rent of house from Apr. 10,		
to Mar. 1, '80 .....	16 66	
1-2 cord small wood .....	1 10	
Joseph Lowell, for beef from Apr. to June		
21, '79 .....	11 09	
E. A. Hyde, for 93 qts. milk from Nov. 18,		
to Feb. 20, '80 .....	4 65	
Joseph Lowell, for beef from Sept. 1, to Feb.		
17, '80 .....	13 37	
Parker & Ralph, for groceries from Nov. 17,		
to Feb. 20, '80.....	35 81	163 86

## MRS. FRANCIS DAVIS—

Cash .....	6 00	
Paid L. W. Newton, for groceries .....	13 50	19 50

## MRS. MARTIN—

Paid A. H. Jones and Son for provisions from Mar. 1, to June 21, '79.....	\$20 65	
cash delivered from June 21, '79, to Feb. 5, '80 .....	49 00	
B. F. Prentiss, for expense to Boston.....	2 70	
“ “ Grafton .....	2 50	
		74 85

## JOHN SULLIVAN—

Paid J. H. Robinson, M. D., 19 visits.....	19 00	
		19 00

## C. V. SMITH—

Paid Town of Mendon for aid.....	5 00	
		5 00

## Incidentals.

Paid Wright, for 3 chambers .....	1 14	
“ 1 pair arctics.....	1 00	
Sanford & Co., for two account books ....	5 00	
L. W. Newton, for cotton, print, and tick- ing, for the poor, at Nahum Newton's, June and August .....	10 12	
B. F. Prentiss, for postage stamps and sta- tionery .....	1 65	
B. F. Prentiss, for team and time to Marl- boro', to arrange cases of poor, April,	2 00	
B. F. Prentiss, for expenses to Boston on Boody case .....	2 70	
for team and time to Marlboro', Feb. '80, to settle bills.....	1 50	
C. Newton, for services to Marlboro' to ar- range for care of poor.....	1 00	
L. W. Newton, for services at Marlboro'..	1 00	
		27 11

## A. WENDALL—

Paid W. S. Willson & Co., for groceries, June 6,	6 60	
B. F. Prentiss, for 2100 lbs. coal, Jan. 6..	5 56	
“ “ cash from May to Oct..	8 25	
Whitcomb and wife, for care from Aug to Oct., '79.....	10 50	
C. S. Bradley, M. D., for 3 visits.....	2 25	
“ “ “ brandy and med- icine .....	1 50	
Nahum Newton, for moving, board and care from Oct. 4, '79, to Oct. 13, '79, and other expenses, to Oct. 15 .....	20 00	
Wm. Jennison, for coffin and burial, Oct. 15,	14 00	
		68 66

## THOMAS BOYD—

Paid L. W. Newton, for groceries from Dec., '79, to Jan. 24, '80 .....	\$18 67
B. F. Prentiss, for team and time to Marlboro', Nov. 15, Dec. 10, Jan. 24.....	3 75
L. W. Newton, time to Marlboro'.....	1 00
Town of Marlboro', for provisions and supplies from Nov. 14, '79, to Feb., '80....	29 00
for fuel.....	11 00
medical attendance.....	12 00

75 41

## GEORGE ONTHANK—

Paid town of Marlboro', for provisions and supplies from Nov. 26, '79, to Feb. 17, '80	21 50
for fuel.....	11 00
L. W. Newton, for coal and groceries.....	6 07
B. F. Prentiss, for team and time to Marlboro', Nov. 22, and Dec. 12, '79.....	2 50
Berry & Hastings, for groceries.....	3 00
Curtis Newton, for fare and time.....	75
L. W. Newton, for team and time.....	50

45 32

## PETER CHERRY—

Paid Cordaville Woollen Co., for coal Feb. 7...	3 50
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3 50

## MRS. GEO. THOMPSON—

Paid L. W. Newton, for coal May 31 .....	2 90
B. F. Prentiss, for 4200 lbs. coal.....	11 10
" " 1 1-8 cords wood.....	7 30
J. H. Robinson, M. D., 17 visits.....	17 00
J. F. Chickering, for house rent from Mar. 1, '79, to Mar. 1, '80.....	30 00

68 30

## MRS. J. F. NEWTON—

Paid L. W. Newton, for goods and cash.....	10 00
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10 00

## H. J. ROBINSON—

Paid city of Boston, for aid rendered from Jan. 1, '79, to Jan. 1, '80.....	28 30
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28 30

## MRS. A. E. WILLIAMS—

Paid town of Northbridge, for provisions from Feb. 24, '79, to Feb. 2, '80.....	73 50
for fuel.....	23 46
moving goods.....	3 50
clothing.....	4 75

105 21

## SARAH McDAVIT—

Paid Newton, Hartt & Co., for wood and coal..	\$3 00	
B. F. Prentiss, for 2100 lbs. coal.....	5 57	
F. A. Dorr, for rent of house from Mar. 1,		
'79, to Mar. 1, '80.....	24 00	
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## TRAMPS—

Paid A. A. Andrews, for care of tramps from Mar.		
1, '79, to April 7, '79.....	10 35	
F. A. Dorr, for care of tramps from April 7,		
'70, to March 1, '80.....	69 65	
	<hr/>	80 00

Whole number of tramps accommodated at lock-up from Mar. 1, '79, to Mar. 1...329

Whole amount of orders drawn.....	2,740 59	
Services of Overseers.....	60 00	
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## CR.

Received from G. W. Goodnow estate.....	103 77	
“ “ A. Wendall “ .....	5 00	
“ “ Grafton “ .....	69 65	
Due from Milford.....	3 50	
Increase in value of bedding.....	30 00	
Value of bedding March 1, '80—\$60.00.....		
There have been paid, during the year, bills to		
the amount of \$27.93, which properly		
belong to the year ending Feb. 28, '79	27 93	
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		2,562 74

Whole number fully supported, 14.

Whole number fully supported at present time, 13.

Average cost per week, \$2.33.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. PRENTISS,

L. W. NEWTON,

CURTIS NEWTON,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## Vital Statistics.

The Town Clerk presents his annual report for the year ending Jan. 1st, 1880.

## Births registered :

males ..... 18

females ..... 24

42

Marriages registered ..... 13

## Deaths registered :

males ..... 16

females ..... 21

37

## Deaths.

DATE.	NAMES.	YRS.	MTHS.	DAYS.
Jan. 4,	Elizabeth Sullivan.....	12		15
" 7,	Jane B. Bartlett.....	80	5	5
" 13,	Abigail H. Wood.....	73	2	17
Feb. 11,	Charles Baldwin.....	63	11	
" 17,	Morris Norman.....	82		
" 18,	Mary C. Newton.....	13	3	19
" 25,	Martin McDonough.....	1	1	
Mar. 3,	Catharine Lane.....	38	6	9
" 5,	Mary L. Howe.....			2
" 7,	Catharine Hefferny.....	13	4	
" 27,	Harriet B. Lane.....	1	10	26
Apr. 11,	Ambrose Light.....	66		9
" 22,	Charles N. Brewer.....	55	7	13
" 28,	Nathan Moulton.....	83	8	
May 16,	Ann Chamberlain.....	69		
" 31,	John McDonough.....	3	3	
July 29,	Lewis E. Flanagan.....	3	9	19
Aug. 11,	Eveline Senica.....		10	
" 12,	Elizabeth W. Coolidge.....	35	6	21
" 27,	Simon Guertin.....		4	26
" 28,	Humphrey Sullivan.....	77		
Sept. 1,	Abbie S. Brown.....	4	7	
" 14,	John F. Curreen.....	1	3	7
" "	Caleb S. Williams.....	60	3	
" 23,	Edgar T. Burdett.....	7	11	5
" 28,	Angeline Velard.....	9	8	3
" "	Almira Velard.....	2	10	5
" 30,	Lewis E. Newton.....	24	11	2
Oct. 2,	Mary Velard.....	5	5	28
" 7,	Celina Chapdelain.....	2	6	
" 9,	Ida M. Bird.....	7	6	
" 13,	Alexander W. Wendall.....	77	1	2
Nov. 9,	Bertie P. Hyde.....			2
Dec. 3,	H. Maria Goddard.....	43	7	25
" 19,	Sarah R. Gamage.....	55	3	27
" 23,	Adeline Lavellotte.....	46		
" 28,	John G. Wood.....	45	9	

F. ESTE, Town Clerk.

# TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The Town House Committee present herewith their report for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1880:

## DR.

To cash received for rent of Hall.....	\$116 00	
“ “ ashes .....	1 50	
		117 50

## CR.

By cash paid for stove pipe.....	1 00	
“ gas chimneys .....	4 50	
“ gasoline .....	20 40	
“ wood.....	30 00	
“ kerosene .....	60	
“ Curtis Hyde, janitor .....	58 50	
“ treasurer .....	2 50	
		117 50
Wood and gasoline on hand Feb. 28, '80.....	25 00	
Wood and gasoline on hand, Feb. 28, '79.....	15 00	

CURTIS HYDE,  
C. B. SAWIN,  
H. F. WEBSTER,  
*Town House Committee.*

## FAY LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Fay Library herewith present their report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1880. We are advised by our worthy and affable Librarian, Miss Francena E. Buck, that—

The whole number of Books composing the Library is.....	3,901
The whole number of separate deliveries of books during the year is .....	8,475
The average number of books delivered weekly is.....	160
The greatest number of books delivered to one family during the year is .....	214
The greatest number of books delivered in one week is.....	237
Number of books lost during the year.....	2
Number of books donated to library.....	2
Number of books not returned .....	
Amount of fines collected .....	\$19 40
Amount of fines not collected.....	50

Respectfully submitted

for the Trustees,

DEXTER NEWTON,

*Secretary.*

L. W. Newton in Account with Fay Library, as  
Treasurer.

DR.

March, 1879—

To cash in Treasury, including notes.....\$1,707 41

February 28, 1880—

To cash received from F. Este, Treasurer, interest.... 100 00

“ “ “ dog fund .. 77 61

“ “ Librarian, fines ..... 19 40

“ “ interest on money ..... 12 42

1,916 84

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February 28, 1880—

By cash in treasury, including notes.....1,916 84

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. NEWTON,

*Treasurer.*

## STATE AID.

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Paid during the year :

Anna B. Bellows.....	\$44 00
Geo. Brown.....	24 00
A. H. Doyle.....	32 00
John A. Hunt.....	44 00
Thomas Boyd, Jr.....	18 00
Daniel Mahony, military aid.....	12 00
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	174 00

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

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The Committee herewith present their Annual Report for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1880.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
Paid Henry Newton, for services.....	38 65
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Balance.....	61 35
Income from funds left by Mrs. Sullivan Fay's estate, Feb., '79,	5 00
"    "    "    "    "    "    Feb., '80,	5 00
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	10 00
Paid Henry Newton, for repairs on lot.....	3 50
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Balance on hand.....	6 50

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Post 44, G. A. R., herewith submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 29, 1880:

Paid for orator.....	\$27 00	
for music.....	25 00	
for flowers.....	7 00	
for transportation .....	5 00	
to A. J. Lewis, for team .....	3 00	
for printing .....	2 25	
for flags.....	2 25	
to Henry Newton for services.....	2 00	
to Wright Bros., two vases .....	1 00	
		74 50

FRANCIS WRIGHT,  
*Quartermaster.*

February 28, 1880.

# LIST OF JURORS.

We propose and recommend the following persons  
as jurors :

Benj. F. Pierce,  
J. W. Hammond,  
Forest E. Day,  
William P. Willson,  
Henry H. Newton,  
O. L. Gridley,  
L. C. Newton.  
Richardson Goddard,  
Harrison Neal,  
Warren Parmenter,  
Samuel Taft.  
John A. Page,  
I. G. Howe,  
Isaac Howard,  
W. A. Angier,  
Timothy Murry,  
William H. Buck.  
Michael Mitchell,

Hubbard Willson,  
Henry G. Wilson,  
J. F. Pearl,  
John Blair,  
George F. Barney,  
W. I. C. Hobbs,  
H. F. Webster,  
Francis Fisher,  
Francis D. Newton,  
C. L. Johnson.  
J. I. Marshall,  
Curtis Hyde.  
H. S. Wheeler,  
A. E. Bacon,  
F. W. Hayden,  
John Maley,  
William Jennison,  
E. H. Chamberlain.

F. A. WINCHESTER,  
C. B. SAWIN,  
J. W. HAMMOND,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1, 1880.

# SINKING FUND.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund submit the following report :

Amount loaned on mortgage March 1st, '79.....	\$1,800 00
Cash on deposit.....	240 58
Received of Town Treasurer for year '79.....	1,000 00
Received for interest.....	160 00

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3,200 58

Amount loaned on mortgage March 1st, '79.....	3,000 00
Cash in hand of treasurer of Sinking Fund.....	200 58

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3,200 58

Sinking Fund, including unpaid interest, March 1st, '79...	2,073 41
Appropriated by the town for year '79.....	1,000 00
Income from interest.....	149 77

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3,223 18

Sinking Fund, March 1st, '80 :

Loaned on mortgage.....	3,000 00
Interest unpaid.....	22 60
Cash in hand of treasurer of Sinking Fund.....	200 58

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3,223 18

H. WILLSON,

J. H. ROBINSON,

W. H. BUCK,

*Commissioners of Sinking Fund.*

# TOWN DEBTS AND ASSETS.

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Statement of town debts and assets, Feb. 28, 1880:

## INDEBTEDNESS.

Fay Library.....	\$1,500 00
Town debt funded.....	30,000 00
Int. to Feb. 28, '80.....	842 25

## AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury .....	1,903 38
Uncollected Taxes .....	314 38
Amount due from State (State and military aid).....	218 00
Sinking Fund .....	3,223 18

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors respectfully submit the following report:

Pursuant to the wish of the town, as expressed in town meeting in April last, we circulated printed forms on which tax payers could make returns of their taxable property, under oath, to the assessors. We caused the principal laws concerning taxes to be printed thereon, for the convenience and information of the people. We are pleased to state that nearly all the taxpayers cordially and pleasantly complied with our requirements concerning the returns. We are confident that in consequence of our having issued those forms, with the laws thereon, the town has received the taxes on about forty-four thousand dollars more than it otherwise would have received. This has amply paid for the extra time and expense. We valued the live stock much lower than we did in the previous year.

May 1, 1879—

The valuation of personal property was.....	\$279,357
“ “ real estate was .....	1,003,877

Total.....	1,283,234
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Number of male polls taxed.....	538
Number of female polls taxed .....	10
Tax on each poll .....	1.74
Amount of State tax.....	385.00
Amount of County tax.....	1,255.79
Town grant.....	10,500.00
Overlayings .....	363.78
Rate per cent .....	.009
Total tax .....	12,504.57
Money at interest taxed.....	118,588
Amount secured by mortgages .....	63,343
Money on hand .....	1,298

Public stocks and securities.....	22,815
Stocks in corporations out of State.....	13,850
Number of horses ....:	330
Number of cows.....	924
Number dwelling houses .....	388 1-2
Number acres land taxed .....	9,574
Excess of personal property over that of last year....	43,324
Abatement of taxes for 1879 .....	47.46

DEXTER NEWTON,  
 SAMUEL TAFT,  
 BENJAMIN F. PIERCE,  
*Assessors of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1880.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

L. W. NEWTON, *Collector*, in account with the town of Southborough from 1879, to March 1, 1880 :

DR.

To uncollected taxes for 1879 .....	\$12,504 57	
Interest in taxes " .....	42 57	
		12,547 14

CR.

By cash paid County Treasurer .....	1,255 80	
" F. Este, Treasurer .....	10,996 09	
By taxes abated.....	47 46	
uncollected taxes.....	205 22	
cash paid F. Este, interest.....	42 57	
		12,547 14

L. W. NEWTON,  
*Collector.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1880.

F. ESTE, *Collector*, in account with the town of Southborough from Feb. 28, 1879, to March 1, 1880 :

DR.

To uncollected taxes for 1875 .....	\$3 20	
" " 1876 .....	2 29	
" " 1877 .....	91 66	
" " 1878 .....	315 01	
Interest on above taxes.....	23 75	
		435 91

CR.

By cash paid Treas., taxes 1877.....	74 36	
" " 1878.....	228 72	
" interest .....	23 75	
Uncollected taxes, 1875 .....	3 20	
" 1876 .....	2 29	
" 1877 .....	17 30	
" 1878 .....	86 29	
		435 91

F. ESTE, *Collector.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1880.

## Uncollected Taxes—March 1, 1880.

Silas E. Brigham.....	\$1 83	William Russell .....	3 00
Fred E. Bellows.....	11 19	Michael McGannah. ....	1 74
James Cunneen.....	1 74	F. W. Walker (balance) ..	6 47
Andrew A. Doyle .....	1 74	Charles B. Willson .....	1 74
Theo. M. Estes .....	1 74	W. N. Ward .....	2 06
Nathaniel W. Fay .....	8 85	J. M. Wheeler.....	1 74
Geo. W. Fay .....	2 64	Samuel N. Thompson .....	59 93
Lucius C. Fiske.....	1 74	Patrick Toomy.....	8 00
Sabinas W. Fay .....	1 74	William J. Tyler .....	1 74
Peter Gendron .....	9 84	Michael W. Smith .....	1 74
Geo. W. Houghton.....	1 74	J. F. Richardson .....	1 74
W. L. F. Hatch.....	1 74	William Stronouch .....	1 74
Charles Houghton .....	1 74	Timothy C. Shea .....	1 74
William Jones.....	15 92	Phedora B. Baldwin .....	1 74
Joseph Lonzo.....	1 74	Patrick Collins (heirs of) ..	4 50
Joseph Lambert.....	1 74	David A. Stackpole .....	2 25
Thomas A. Miller.....	13 89	Lowell Temple (heirs of) ..	18
Thomas J. Mowry.....	1 74	John Nurly .....	68
James W. Maley .....	1 74	Marshall Dadmun.....	3 60
Florence Nichols .....	2 55	Elizabeth Burdett .....	68
James Powers .....	6 69	G. Newton (heirs of) .....	45
Samuel B. Perkins .....	1 74	Charles E. Brigham .....	1 74

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. ESTE, *Treasurer*, in account with the town of Southborough. from  
Feb. 28, 1879, to March 1, 1880 :

## DR.

To balance in Treasury, Feb. 28, '79.....	\$2,043 15
cash received of the town of Grafton, paupers.....	45 79
“ “ G. A. Estabrook, paupers.....	10 00
“ “ Marlboro', schools.....	5 00
“ “ State Treasurer, paupers.....	32 57
“ temporary loan.....	5,436 56
“ L. W. Newton, Collector.....	11,038 66
“ F. Este, Collector.....	326 83
“ State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	233 93
“ “ National Bank tax.....	759 39
“ “ State aid.....	313 60
“ “ relief to indigent soldiers.....	5 50
“ “ State paupers.....	20 00
“ “ school fund.....	185 16
“ County Treasurer, dog money.....	155 23
“ F. A. Winchester, loam and gravel.....	14 20
“ A. Bigelow, old lumber.....	3 50
“ town of Grafton, paupers.....	69 65
“ G. W. Goodnow estate.....	103 77
“ A. W. Wendall.....	5 00
“ Town House Committee.....	117 50
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	20,924 99

## CR.

By cash paid orders of Selectmen.....	4,236 92
“ “ School Committee.....	3,941 54
“ “ Overseers of the Poor.....	2,740 59
“ Temporary loan.....	5,436 56
“ “ Interest.....	86 78
“ Interest on Town Debt.....	1,905 00
“ State Aid.....	162 00
“ “ Tax.....	385 00
“ L. W. Newton, Treasurer Fay Library.....	77 61
“ State Treasurer, corporation tax, etc.....	49 61
Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1880.....	1,903 38
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	20,924 99

F. ESTE, *Treasurer*.

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1880.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,

FOR THE YEAR

**1879-80.**

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MARLBOROUGH :

THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS.

1880.

# REPORT.

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## *Fellow Citizens :*

Agreeable to the laws of the State, and the custom of our predecessors, we herewith present our annual report:

Your committee were expected to reduce the expenses of the Peters High School. Owing to the lateness of the election of the School Board, and the early time set for the commencement of the Spring term, we were unable, until the Autumn term, to make the desired change. What has been accomplished, in this school, is well known, and needs not to be here repeated. The board have aimed to do what the town so plainly indicated, and the result has proved entirely successful—financially.

A change was also made in the Grammar School, which it is hoped will meet your approbation.

The several schools have been continued longer than in previous years; and, although several of them have been somewhat interrupted by sickness, we may safely claim that they have made fair progress,—that they have done a good year's work.

The Board would recommend and encourage more frequent visits to our schools. One of the best things we can do to assist, cheer the heart and stay the hands of the faithful teacher, encourage and stimulate our children and youth, is to show, by our frequent visits, and by our cheerful faces and kind words, that we are more than curious, that we are deeply interested in their welfare and progress. Every teacher needs to be encouraged by the frequent visits and co-operation of parents as well as of the Committee. It is to

be hoped, therefore, that the visits of parents in our schools will be more frequent than in time past, that they may better understand what is being done, and what progress their children are making in the studies which they pursue.

Every good citizen is impressed with the importance of affording our youth the best possible common school advantages. Since a very large majority of them will never enjoy other means of obtaining an education, every effort should be put forth to provide suitable places and accommodations during the short ten years of school life. On the moral and intellectual culture which the young receive in public schools depend in a great measure the perpetuity and success of republican institutions.

In the selection of teachers, it is most of all important that the services of suitable persons be secured. It is not every amiable and talented person who is or can become a good teacher. Not every one who is anxious to secure a position can become a successful teacher. The successful teacher is born, not made. He is wholly in earnest, is diligent and active, possessed of natural resources, and has energy and tact. People wanting energy are not apt to succeed in any calling; and this is especially true of those who occupy the position of instructors. Teachers who lack these important elements are sure of failure. That some who fail might succeed were they diligently to cultivate these important qualities is highly probable. The teacher who has few resources, small information beyond the text book and no tact to illustrate, although valuable and serviceable in his proper sphere, is out of place in the school room.

It is impossible for any school to succeed where good order is not maintained. This is the first requi-

site to a good and successful school. Where discipline is wanting, all other qualities and merits will go for nothing, and instead of advancement being possible in such school, an opposite tendency will be assured and a failure certain. The teacher must be of that quick and active turn that instantly anticipates the right method of dealing with and overcoming the various obstacles that will constantly appear, but which melt away before prompt and suitable decision.

Almost the only qualification requisite to a successful pupil in any school is a prompt and cheerful obedience and co-operation with his teacher. An opposite course assures us a poor scholar and a poorer citizen. The youth who never learns to obey parents and teachers will be likely to fail to obey the laws of our land; and will be certain to see, and also to make, an abundance of trouble: because, from such germs of lawlessness we can expect only a prolific harvest of vagrancy and crime.

A growing hindrance to the efficiency and excellence of our schools, and to which the attention of parents and others interested in our best success is especially directed, is the too frequent absence of scholars from school, and, also, the large amount of tardiness which our registers show. As against these troubles, we are glad to notice, and do so with much satisfaction, that during the year 102 scholars were present the full term: 53 in the Spring term, 28 in the Autumn, and 21 in the Winter. We herewith present the names of five scholars who were not absent during the entire year: Charles H. Collins, in Ward 3; Ernest A. Howard, in Ward 5; and Elvina Lovely, Willie A. Fairbanks and Ernest C. Hodge in Ward 7. We regret that several others were but a few hours behind, and that we are thus obliged to omit their names from full honors.

Your Committee are thankful for any assistance, and would feel under obligations for suggestions from persons residing in the several wards, who have in view the mutual improvement of teacher and scholars, or who offer advice upon any matter of importance ; but cannot heed anonymous communications. Everything proper to be said should be done, fearlessly, over one's own signature.

Reading matter aside from the ordinary school book has been furnished, as an experiment, for some of the smaller pupils, and has proved a benefit in awakening an interest often found in variety.

It is desirable, at an early day, to introduce into the school, by exchange, a few new books, and which will necessarily be attended with a small expense. The advantages derived thereby will more than compensate the outlay. Improvements in school books, as in other things, have been very marked. This is especially true of geographies : the interior of Africa, until recently, being almost unknown ; and the political changes in several countries are also very important.

Stone door steps have been furnished to some of the school houses, where much needed, and are a decided improvement.

The south part of the town has advantages in the Grammar school over other sections ; and the School Board are of opinion that the schools in Wards 1 and 3 should be graded ; and that this would be of great advantage to both villages, especially in Ward 3, from which no scholar can hope to reach the High School, except the deficiencies in his preparatory attainments be winked at. The school is even now avoided by several families looking to the future good of their children ; and owing to the difference of capacity of the children, it has, deservedly, the name of being a difficult school to manage.

It is desirable that all bills due should be presented promptly, especially before the close of the year.

Accidental damages, that sometimes happen, as the breaking of a pane of glass, or other injury, are expected to be promptly repaired by the party occasioning the damage

Your Committee unanimously recommend an early return to the former number of three members on the School Board. They are persuaded that your school interests will be as safely guarded, and as faithfully performed, with the smaller as with a greater number, and at less expense.

A comparison of the statistics of the yearly expenses of scholars in several large cities with those of our own schools is as follows, viz :

	Instruction and supervision.	Incidentals.	Total.
Boston .....	\$25.94	\$10.21	\$36.15
New York .....	28.01	7.63	35.64
New Haven .....	18.41	5.84	24.25
Columbus .....	17.24	4.84	22.08
Cleveland .....	16.63	4.66	21.29
Newark .....	16.00	4.23	20.23
Nashua .....	13.10	4.97	18.07
Portland .....	14.31	2.62	16.93
Lewiston .....	11.26	5.46	16.72
Chicago.....	12.13	4.05	16.18
Southborough .....	9.84	2.00	11.84

The town appropriation for schools was.....	\$4,000.00
“ “ “ “ incidentals was .....	500.00
“ income from the Mass. School Fund was.....	185.16
“ “ “ one-half the dog money was .....	77.61

Orders drawn on Town Treasurer for incidentals,	\$303.50	4,762.77
“ “ “ “ schools.....	3,638.04	
		<u>3,941.50</u>
Balance with Town Treasurer.....		821.23

Number of children in town May 1, 1879, between 5 and 15	
years of age was .....	357
Number attending school under 5 years .....	16
"        "        "    over 15    " .....	23
"        of male teachers employed .....	2
"        of female teachers employed .....	7
"        of schools .....	9

The Spring Term of the Peters High School will commence Monday, March 29, 1880.

The Spring Term of Ward and Grammar Schools will commence Monday, April 12, 1880.

All of which, together with the tables of statistics, to which your attention is respectfully invited, is cordially submitted for your careful perusal.

REV. ANDREW BIGELOW, D. D.,  
CHARLES H. MILLER,  
REV. W. K. DAVEY,  
WILLIAM DAMON,  
MICHAEL NOONAN,  
B. F. PRENTISS,

*School Committee of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 5, 1880.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

POSITION.	YEARS. TERMS.	TEACHERS' NAMES.	Length of each School in Weeks.	Teachers' Wages, per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Number be- longing.	Average Attendance of Scholars.	Number of Scholars Not Absent.	
The Peters High School.	Spring.	Lewis H. Meader, Prin.	12	\$111	32		30	4	
	Autumn.	Alvira Morrill, Assistant.	12	40		32			
	Winter.	Samuel F. Blodgett, Prin.	12	80	35	34	30	6	
Grammar.	Spring.	" "	14	80	35	35	30	4	
	Autumn.	Samuel F. Blodgett.	12	60	36	33	31	10	
	Winter.	Lewis G. Wilson.	12	40	27	24	22	0	
Ward 1.	Spring.	" "	12	40	32	31	25	4	
	Autumn.	Fannie Maraspin.	11	32	57	50	41	5	
	Winter.	Lucy N. Fisher.	12	32	49	46	37	2	
Ward 2.	Spring.	" "	12	32	48	46	34	1	
	Autumn.	Nettie M. Cook.	11	32	33	28	25	6	
	Winter.	" "	11	28	21	19	18	3	
Ward 3.	Spring.	" "	12	28	26	21	18	0	
	Autumn.	Cora A. Newton.	10	36	61	41	28	6	
	Winter.	Laura J. Blaisdell.	12	32	59	51	43	5	
Ward 4.	Spring.	Julia L. Parmenter.	12	32	57	49	37	1	
	Autumn.	Elfie M. Fairbanks.	11	32	34	31	26	2	
	Winter.	" "	12	28	36	34	28	1	
Ward 5.	Spring.	Hattie L. Estey.	11	28	34	28	24	0	
	Autumn.	Lucy N. Fisher.	11	32	21	20	18	5	
	Winter.	Lefa Carter.	11	28	17	16	14	3	
Ward 6.	Spring.	Cora I. Howard.	12	28	18	17	15	3	
	Autumn.	Sarah A. Williams.	11	32	15	15	12	0	
	Winter.	Hattie L. Howe.	12	28	17	17	14	0	
Ward 7.	Spring.	" "	12	28	20	18	16	0	
	Autumn.	Nellie A. Hyde.	11	32	50	48	45	15	
	Winter.	" "	12	32	53	47	41	8	
Total,..... 1879-80			For the full year.....	311		36	32 5-9	28	102
P. H. S.	Year.	Peters High School.	38	\$986.66	34	34	30	0	
Gram.	Year.	Grammar " "	36	420	32	29	26	0	
Ward 1.	Year.	Center " "	35	280	51	47	37	0	
Ward 2.	Year.	East End " "	34	249	27	23	20	0	
Ward 3.	Year.	Fayetteville " "	34	282	59	47	36	1	
Ward 4.	Year.	Cordaville " "	34	249	35	31	26	0	
Ward 5.	Year.	Flagg District " "	34	249	19	18	16	1	
Ward 6.	Year.	West End " "	35	256	17	17	14	0	
Ward 7.	Year.	Southville " "	31	240	50	47	43	3	
Total,..... 1879-80.			For the full year.....	311	324	293	252	5	

# SCHOOL STATISTICS OF SOUTHBOROUGH

## FOR 1879-80.

SCHOOLS.	Wages of Teachers.	Cost of Fuel.	Care of Houses.	Incidentals.	Total Expenses.	Expenses per Scholar.
Peters High School.....	\$986.66	\$86.09	\$34.00	\$91.69	\$1,198.44	\$39.95
Grammar School.....	420.00	23.93	10.00	18.77	472.70	18.20
Ward 1 " .....	280.00	43.05	11.75	22.52	357.32	9.66
Ward 2 " .....	249.00	33.50	12.62	13.57	308.69	15.43
Ward 3 " .....	282.00	35.67	12.50	23.23	353.40	9.82
Ward 4 " .....	249.00	19.95	7.00	43.73	319.68	12.30
Ward 5 " .....	249.00	31.90	7.00	22.23	310.13	19.38
Ward 6 " .....	256.00	25.12		21.43	302.55	21.61
Ward 7 " .....	240.00	26.30	11.72	26.61	304.63	7.04
Totals Similar.....	3,211.66	325.51	106.59	284.14	3,927.90	15.59

112 orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer, covering —

For school purposes .....	\$3,638.04
" incidentals.....	303.50
Total, 112 orders.....	3,941.54
Total moneys as per table.....	3,927.90
Balance (see Schedule A) .....	13.64

Schedule A, — goods on hand :

221 <i>Nurseries</i> , B. S. Edition .....	\$11.05
100 Teachers' Certificates .....	1.25
2 bottles of ink (quarts), with W. Damon .....	.74
4 boxes crayons, with W. Damon .....	.60

Total goods to cover deficiency balance .....

13.64

# PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

## SCHEDULE OF STUDIES.

### ENGLISH COURSE.

First Year.—FIRST TERM.—English Analysis, Physical Geography, Algebra.  
SECOND TERM.—English Composition begun, Physical Geography, Algebra.  
THIRD TERM.—English Composition, Natural Philosophy, Algebra.

Second Year.—FIRST TERM.—General History, Natural Philosophy, Geometry.  
SECOND TERM.—General History, Natural Philosophy, Geometry. THIRD  
TERM.—Physiology, Elocution, Geometry.

Third Year.—FIRST TERM.—English History, Civil Government, Geology.  
SECOND TERM.—English Literature, Civil Government, Astronomy. THIRD  
TERM.—English Literature, Reviews of Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar.

### CLASSICAL COURSE.

First Year.—Same as English Course.

Second Year.—FIRST TERM.—General History, Latin Grammar, Geometry.  
SECOND TERM.—General History, Latin Grammar and Reader, Geometry. THIRD  
TERM.—Natural Philosophy, Latin Grammar, Cæsar, Geometry.

Third Year.—FIRST TERM.—Natural Philosophy, Cæsar, Civil Government.  
SECOND TERM.—English History, Cæsar, Civil Government. THIRD TERM.—  
English History, Virgil, Rhetoric.

Fourth Year.—FIRST TERM.—English Literature, Virgil, Astronomy. SEC-  
OND TERM.—English Literature, Cicero, Astronomy. THIRD TERM.—Cicero,  
Reviews of English Branches.

SEVENTH ANNUAL

AUDITORS' REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28,

1881.

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MARLBOROUGH:  
THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS.  
1881.

# ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT.

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the officers and committees of the Town.
- ART. 3. To hear the reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Fay Library.
- ART. 4. To act on the List of Jurors presented by the Selectmen.
- ART. 5. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To choose Trustees for the Fay Library.
- ART. 7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town, and to appropriate the same.
- ART. 8. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.
- ART. 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the Town's use.
- ART. 10. To see if the Town will appropriate one hundred dollars, to be expended by Post 44, G. A. R., in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day, and repairing and decorating soldiers' graves.
- ART. 11. To see what appropriation the Town will make of the dog money.
- ART. 12. To see if the Town will authorize their School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, and any other officers, to draw orders upon the Treasurer, for the payment of bills contracted by them.
- ART. 13. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges.
- ART. 14. To see what action the Town will take to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating drink, and for the better enforcement of the laws.
- ART. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate any money to be expended in the cemeteries.
- ART. 16. To see if the Town will accept the Acts and Resolves of 1867, chapter 242.
- ART. 17. To see if the Town will direct the Assessors to print a report of their doings.
- ART. 18. To see if the Town will appropriate money to keep the Common in order.
- ART. 19. To see if the Town will allow bicycles on the sidewalks.
- ART. 20. To see if the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women, who are citizens, the right to hold town offices, and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.
- ART. 21. To see if the Town will authorize its School Committee to choose a Superintendent of Schools.
- ART. 22. To see if the Town will pay Wright Bros. for coal delivered to the poor.
- ART. 23. To see if the Town will provide any way to extinguish fires.
- SOUTHBOROUGH, March 15, 1881.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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The Auditors herewith present their annual report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881 :

*To the Inhabitants of Southborough :*

The following reports of Town Officers and Committees, have been carefully examined, and are hereby severally approved as correctly cast and vouched.

S. F. BLODGETT,

H. C. WILLIAMS,

O. L. GRIDLEY,

*Auditors.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1, 1881.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen herewith present their report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881 :

Town Clerk,	Salary .....	\$20 00
Selectmen	" .....	125 00
Treasurer	" .....	50 00
Overscers of Poor	" .....	60 00
Collector	" .....	125 00
School Committee	" .....	150 00
For services of Assessors	.....	291 55
" " Auditors	.....	45 00
" " Town Clerk, recording births, etc.	.....	24 10
" " " postage, stationary, etc.	.....	17 25
" as Police, S. E. Parker	.....	9 40
" " Constable, F. A. Dorr, for 1879	.....	
" " " and 1880	.....	24 25
" " Constable, J. D. Sullivan	.....	7 30

*Amount carried forward,*

**\$948 85**

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$948 85
For printing Town reports.....	60 00
incidentals .....	5 33
four road scrapers.....	100 50
reward poster.....	1 00
Webster, for screen .....	5 00
D. Newton, to Boston on taxes.....	4 41
sinking fund committee.....	1000 00
extending culvert on road from Center to Fayville .....	30 50
S. L. Long, extra work on highway.....	12 00
Fay library, repairing books.....	15 20
culvert grates .....	13 52
A. J. Newton, repairing culvert.....	9 97
F. A. Dorr, " " .....	5 00
D. Newton, surveying roads at Cordaville....	12 00
E. Hixon, painting hearse.....	20 75
W. T. Forbes, prosecuting Kelly.....	10 00
Dr. J. H. Robinson, sanitary services.....	1 00
H. Newton, repairing hearse.....	2 25
J. Lowe, damages in snow.....	6 00
L. W. Newton, lamp, etc. ....	9 48
Decoration Day.....	80 75
incidentals .....	7 30
perambulating Town lines.....	12 50
snow bills .....	360 72
highway bills.....	1719 91
School Committee, salary for 1879.....	175 00
Fayville school-house.....	1219 35
Webster, repairing Town pump .....	1 00
Town house repairs.....	2 64
Curtis Hyde, janitor's bill .....	127 62
G. F. Barney, oiling school-house floor.....	5 00
B.F. Prentiss, services with building committee	8 00
glandered horse.....	5 40
insurance, hall and school-house.....	168 40
cemetery bill.....	242 55
John Maley, extra work on highway.....	10 70
catalogues for Fay library.....	7 38
Miss Buck, Librarian.....	73 00

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 \$6499 98

Paid to Town Treasurer :

cash of E. Taylor for 40 loads loam, at 10..\$4 00

" P. Hefron for grass.....5 50

" P. Hefron for apples.....2 00

\$11 50

C. B. SAWIN,

J. W. HAMMOND,

JOS. FAIRBANKS,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

# STATEMENT OF HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

DIST.	NAMES.	APPROPRI- ATION.	ROAD.	UNEX- PENDED.	SNOW.
No. 1.	F. Este,	\$369.25	358.62	10.63	64.39
" 2.	Wm. Jennison,	92.58	91.65	93	20.25
" 3.	S. G. Hosmer,	116.75	98.20	18.55	40.95
" 4.	J. Fairbanks,	228.29	228.27	02	26.02
" 5.	J. Maley,	86.25	86.25		10.30
" 6.	F. A. Dorr,	204.91	204.91		22.87
" 7.	E. Ward,	207.59	207.57	02	11.85
" 8.	C. B. Sawin,	125.14	120.80	4.34	21.90
" 9.	Wm. Collins,	84.43	62.28	22.15	8.10
" 10.	I. G. Howe,	67.27	46.83	20.44	38.89
" 11.	W. A. Angier,	94.25	94.25		37.35
" 12.	S. L. Long,	92.30	92.00	30	37.35
" 13.	A. J. Newton,	30.99	28.28	2.71	20.50
		1800.00	1719.91	80.09	360.72

C. B. SAWIN,

J. W. HAMMOND,

JOS. FAIRBANKS,

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

## Report of Overseers of the Poor.

The organization of the Board of Overseers chosen by the town, was broken by the death of Curtis Newton in October, much to the sorrow of his associates. By his death the town lost a most worthy and competent officer, faithful in all things pertaining to the interest of this, his native town. He will long be remembered by his friends and acquaintances.

The Overseers of the Poor herewith present their report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881. We report the names of those persons who have received aid in full since Feb. 28, 1880.

### FULLY SUPPORTED.

D. Brewer,	Mrs. Sally Goodnow,	S. B. Newton.
Lois Saunders,	E. Woodbury,	Rowena Greenwood.
E. Goulding,	Miss Mary Works,	G. W. Goodnow,
	Willie F. Jose.	

### PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.

Mrs. G. Thompson and 3 children,	Mrs. S. St. Peters and 5 children.
Mrs. F. Bird " 2 "	Mrs. C. Martin " 2 "
Mrs. A. E. Williams " 4 "	Mrs. Eaton " 7 "
Mrs. C. V. A. Smith " 2 "	Mrs. M. Gleason " 6 "
Mrs. Chas. Newton " 2 "	Mrs. T. J. Robinson,
Mrs. A. Doyle " 3 "	Miss Sarah McDavitt,
T. Riley, wife " 4 "	Miss Ida Onthank and 1 child.
G. Onthank, wife " 2 "	J. T. Dunn,
J. Raymond, wife " 6 "	Patrick Dunn,
G. E. Hinkley,	T. M. Jose,
Patrick Fitzgerald and wife.	

### E. GOULDING—

Paid Nahum Newton for board, from Feb. 28,	
1880, to Nov. 3, 1880.....	\$116 50
L. W. Newton for clothing.....	1 00
C. S. Bradley, M. D. one visit.....	75
" medicine.....	15
Ella Fay, making two dresses.....	1 00

*Amount carried forward,*

**\$119 40**

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$119 40
G. W. GOODNOW—		
Paid Nahum Newton for board from Feb. 28,		
1880, to Sept. 8, 1880.....	67 00	
C. S. Bradley, M. D. 17 visits, in August		
and September, 1880.....	12 75	
C. S. Bradley, M. D., medicine.....	2 40	
William Jennison, for coffin, robe and		
burial, Sep. 1880.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	100 15
S. B. NEWTON—		
Paid Nahum Newton for board from Feb. 28,		
1880 to Feb. 26, 1881.....	106 00	
L. W. Newton, for clothing.....	3 90	
	<hr/>	109 90
E. WOODBURY—		
Paid Nahum Newton for board from Feb. 28,		
1880, to Feb 26, 1881.....	106 00	
L. W. Newton, for clothing.....	3 94	
	<hr/>	109 94
D. BREWER—		
Paid Nahum Newton for board from Feb. 28,		
1880, to Feb. 26, 1881.....	105 00	
L. W. Newton, for clothing.....	2 62	
	<hr/>	107 62
LOIS SAUNDERS—		
Paid Mrs. S. S. Brummitt for board from Feb. 12		
1880 to March 1, 1881.....		108 56
MRS. SALLY GOODNOW—		
Paid Nahum Newton for board from Feb. 28,		
1880, to Feb. 26, 1881.....	267 00	
for 1 pr. shoes.....	1 00	
C. S. Bradley, M. D. 15 visits, from Dec.		
1880, to Feb. 28, 1881.....	12 25	
for medicine.....	1 60	
	<hr/>	281 85
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		\$937 42

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$937 42
W. F. JOSE—		
Paid Nahum Newton for board from May 26,		
1880, to Feb. 26, 1881.....	39 50	
for 1 school book.....	23	
L. W. Newton, team and time to North-		
bridge, May 26.....	2 00	
Curtis Newton, May 11, to team and time		
to Northbridge.....	2 63	
L. W. Newton, for clothing.....	15 88	
		60 24
MRS. ROWENA GREENWOOD AND MARY WORKS—		
Paid B. F. Prentiss for cash from March 1,		
1880, to March 1, 1881.....	120 00	
To five-eighths cord wood.....	4 08	
L. W. Newton for 2 tons coal.....	15 52	
C. S. Bradley, M. D., for 22 visits to Mary		
Works.....	16 50	
for medicine.....	3 56	
for medicine for Mrs. Greenwood.....	2 45	
		162 11
PARTIALLY SUPPORTED.		
MRS. G. THOMPSON—		
Paid F. J. Chickering, for rent, from March 1,		
1880, to August 1, 1880.....	12 50	
L. W. Newton 2,000 lbs coal.....	8 13	
J. H. Robinson, M. D., 10 visits.....	10 00	
L. W. Newton, for coal, Feb. 1881.....	1 10	
B. F. Prentiss for wood, March, 1880....	3 35	
		35 08
MRS. STOWEL ST. PETERS—		
Paid Thomas Puff, for rent, to June 10, 1880...	10 00	
Dexter Newton, for rent, to Sept. 1, 1880..	12 00	
Joseph Lowell, for rent, to Feb. 28, 1881..	30 00	
Town of Marlboro, for provisions, Apr. 1880.	7 68	
Dr. Trembly, for medical attendance,		
March to June, 1880, 16 visits.....	16 00	
for medicine.....	6 95	
Dr. J. H. Robinson, for medical attendance,		
from June to Aug. 1880.....	12 50	
Curtis Newton, for moving family from		
Marlboro, June, 1880.....	3 25	
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		\$1,194 85

	<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$1,194 85
Paid	F. A. Dorr, for wood, Jan. 1881.....	2 25	
	B. F. Prentiss for team and time to Marlboro', April 1880.....	1 25	
	L. W. Newton, for groceries, cash and fuel from March 6, 1880, to Feb. 28, 1881, for team and time to Marlboro', May 23....	193 79 1 00	
		<hr/>	296 67

## MRS. FRANCIS BIRD—

Paid	B. F. Prentiss, for one-half cord wood, April, 1880.....	3 25	
	for one cord of wood, Dec. 1880.....	6 50	
	John Bird, for rent, from March to April 1880.....	2 50	
	Harvey Newton, for rent, from April 1, 1880, to Feb. 28, 1881.....	27 50	
	L. W. Newton, for groceries, cash, and fuel, from March 1, 1880, to Feb. 28, 1881.....	100 69	
	C. S. Bradley, M. D., 5 visits, Feb.....	3 75	
		<hr/>	144 19

## MISS IDA ONTHANK—

Paid	C. S. Bradley, M. D.....	8 00	
	Ida Onthank.....	2 00	
	Martha Davis 60 days board.....	60 00	
		<hr/>	70 00

## MRS. CHARLES NEWTON—

Paid	B. F. Prentiss for car fare and time to Charlestown, June 22, 1880.....	4 02	
	for car fare to Charlestown Feb 1, 1881, and time.....	2 40	
	City of Boston, for aid, June, 1880.....	4 00	
	Children's Home in Charlestown for board of Charles H. and Susan A. Newton, from July 7, 1880, to Dec. 1880 at \$1.00 each per week.....	42 00	
	L. W. Newton, for cash paid Mrs. C. Newton.....	2 30	
	for car fares to Charlestown June and July.....	7 40	
		<hr/>	62 12

## MRS. H. J. ROBINSON—

Paid	City of Boston for aid from Jan. 1, 1880 to Jan. 1, 1881.....		29 37
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*Amount carried forward*..... \$1,797 20

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$1,797 20
MRS. C. V. A. SMITH—		
Paid B. F. Prentiss, for team and time, to Upton,		
Jan. 14, 1881. Smith case.....	2 50	
Town of Upton, for aid, Jan. 31, 1881.	10 00	
	<hr/>	12 50
MRS. A. E. WILLIAMS—		
Paid Town of Northbridge for aid rendered from		
Feb. 1, 1880, to May 20, 1880.....	33 37	
L. W. Newton, for team and time to North-		
bridge to arrange for the support of the		
Jose boys, May 3, 1880.....	4 00	
Curtis Newton, for services.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	39 37
H. M. JOSE—		
Paid Nahum Newton for board of H. M. Jose,		
from May 26, 1880, to Feb. 26, 1881.	26 50	
L. W. Newton, for clothing.....	13 64	
L. W. Newton, team and time, to North-		
bridge, May 26.....	2 00	
Curtis Newton, team and time, to North-		
bridge, May 11, 1880.....	2 62	
	<hr/>	44 76
J. H. DUNN—		
Paid James Foley, for board and care from Feb.		
28, 1880, to Oct 8, 1880.....	74 25	
B. F. Prentiss, team and time, to Hopkinton.	1 50	
	<hr/>	75 75
THOMAS RILEY—		
Paid Hiram Fay, for coffin and funeral expenses		
of his child.....	9 00	
B. F. Prentiss for cash paid E. Bigelow for		
groceries, Feb. 4, 1881.....	3 00	
for team and time on Riley case.....	1 25	
L. W. Newton for robe.....	1 65	
	<hr/>	14 90
GEORGE ONTHANK—		
Paid Town of Marlboro' for provisions March,		
1880.....	10 50	
for fuel.....	1 00	
B. F. Prentiss, team and time, to Marlboro.'	1 25	
	<hr/>	12 75
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		\$1,997 23

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$1,997 23
MRS. ELIZABETH GLEASON—		
Paid Parker & Ralph, for groceries, from Feb. 21, 1880, to May 15, 1880.....	47 31	
A. E. Hyde, for milk, April and May.....	4 30	
F. A. Dorr, for rent, from March 1 to Aug. 7, 1880.....	11 09	
Joseph Lowell, for meat, from Feb. 21, to May 15, 1880.....	11 20	
B. F. Prentiss, for five-eighths cord wood.. for team and time, to Westboro', Dec. 15 and Jan. 8, 1881.....	4 11	
Car fare to Boston Jan. 28. Gleason case..	2 00	
Town of Westboro', for aid from Dec. 1880, to March 3, 1881.....	1 40	
for groceries and provisions.....	34 50	
for fuel.....	12 00	
for milk.....	4 20	
for rent.....	13 50	
for dry goods.....	4 00	
for meat.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	153 61
SARAH McDAVITT—		
Paid F. A. Dorr, for rent, from March 1, 1880, to March 1. 1881.....	24 00	
B. F. Prentiss, for one-half cord wood, March 1880.....	3 25	
L. W. Newton, for coal and wood.....	2 48	
F. A. Dorr, for wood.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	31 73
G. E. HINKLEY—		
Paid E. L. Wood, for coffin and other expenses of burial.....		6 50
PATRICK DUNN—		
Paid C. S. Bradley M. D., for attendance and medicine, Oct., 1880.....		2 50
MRS. ANDREW DOYLE—		
Paid C. J. Hooper for groceries May, 1880.....	5 00	
L. W. Newton, for goods.....	1 40	
J. H. Robinson, M. D., for medical attendance .....	9 00	
	<hr/>	15 40
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		\$2,206 97

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$2,206 97
MRS. M. EATON—		
Paid D. W. Mitchell, for provisions, Nov. 1880..	3 72	
A. E. Hyde, for milk.....	2 80	
L. W. Newton, for clothing.....	10 08	
C. S. Bradley, M. D., for 5 visits.....	3 75	
		20 35
J. RAYMOND—		
Paid John O'Connell & Sons, for coal, March, 1880.....	3 50	
Robinson & Ward, for coal, Dec. 1, 1880..	4 20	
B. F. Prentiss, team and time to Marlboro'.	1 25	
		8 95
PATRICK FITZGERALD—		
Paid L. W. Newton, for groceries, from March 1, to Feb 28, 1881.....		76 76
MRS. MARTIN—		
Paid B. F. Prentiss, for cash paid from March 13, to May 19, 1880.....		22 00
TRAMPS—		
Paid F. A. Dorr, for care of tramps from March 1, to May 1, 1880.....	9 75	
W. S. Wilson, for care of tramps from May 1, 1880, to April 1, 1881.....	35 00	
		44 75
INCIDENTALS.		
Paid L. W. Newton, for goods delivered to Nahum Newton, for the poor from March 1, 1880, to Feb. 28, 1881.....	25 93	
Mrs. Fisher, for sewing.....	1 62	
B. F. Prentiss, team and time to Marlboro', Jan. 5, 1881, to settle bills.....	1 25	
for team and time to Hopkinton, John O'Brien case, June, 1880.....	1 50	
for postage, checks, stamps and stationery.	1 98	
		32 28
Whole amount of orders drawn.....		\$2,412 06
Services of Overseers.....		60 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		\$2,472 06
Whole number of tramps accommodated at Lock-up from March 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881.....107		

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$2,472 06
CR.		
Received from Grafton.....	22 00	
“ “ Auburn.....	6 50	
“ “ Clinton.....	20 35	
“ “ Westboro'.....	70 00	
Due from Hopkinton.....	2 50	
“ “ Milford.....	15 40	
		136 75
Value of personal property—\$60.00.....		
		2,335 31

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. F. PRENTISS,

L. W. NEWTON,

*Overseers of the Poor.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28th, 1881.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

F. ESTE, *Collector*, in account with town of Southborough from Feb. 28, 1880, to March 1st, 1881 :

DR.

To uncollected taxes for 1875.....	\$3 20	
“ “ 1876.....	2 29	
“ “ 1877.....	17 30	
“ “ 1878.....	86 29	
Interest on above taxes,.....	5 01	
		\$114 09

CR.

By cash paid Treas. taxes 1877.....	6 68	
“ “ 1878.....	40 86	
“ interest.....	5 01	
By taxes abated, year 1875.....	3 20	
“ “ 1876.....	2 29	
“ “ 1877.....	10 62	
“ “ 1878.....	32 82	
Uncollected taxes 1878.....	12 61	
		\$114 09

F. ESTE,  
*Collector.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1881.

L. W. NEWTON, *Collector*, in account with the town of Southborough, from March 1, 1880, to Feb. 28, 1881.

## DR.

To uncollected taxes for	1879.....	205 22	
“ “	1880.....	16,004 98	
Interest on taxes for	1879.....	4 47	
“ “	1880.....	44 94	
			\$16,259 61

## CR.

By cash paid County Treasurer.....	1120 00	
“ F. Este Treas., taxes 1879.....	139 67	
“ “ “ 1880.....	14,370 04	
“ “ interest 1879.....	4 47	
“ “ “ 1880.....	44 94	
“ taxes abated 1879.....	20 39	
“ “ 1880.....	69 70	
“ uncollected taxes 1879.....	45 16	
“ “ 1880.....	445 24	
		\$16,259 61

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1881.

L. W. NEWTON,  
*Collector.*

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

James Cunneen, tax of 1879.....	\$1 74
Andrew A. Doyle, “ .....	1 74
Silas Brigham, “ .....	1 83
Sabinus W. Fay, “ .....	1 74
G. H. Houghton, “ .....	1 74
Chas. Houghton, “ .....	1 74
Wm. Jones, “ .....	15 92
Thos. J. Mowry, “ .....	1 74
James W. Maley, “ .....	1 74
Florence Nichols, “ .....	2 55
Samuel B. Perkins, “ .....	1 74
W. N. Ward, “ .....	2 06
J. M. Wheeler, “ .....	1 74
Michael W. Smith, “ .....	1 74
J. F. Richardson, “ .....	1 74
Timothy C. Shay, “ .....	1 74
Phedora P. Baldwin, “ .....	1 74
Lowell Temple, (heirs) “ .....	18

*Amount carried forward,*

\$45 16

*Amount brought forward.....*

\$45 16

W. H. Buck,	tax of 1880.....	116 15
James Burdett,	" .....	17 53
Walter A. Boyd,	" .....	2 00
Oscar B. Buck,	" .....	2 00
Peter Cherry,	" .....	2 00
John Barnes,	" .....	2 00
Andrew A. Doyle	" .....	2 00
Mrs. Eliza B. B. Fay, guar.	" .....	138 00
Sabinus Fay,	" .....	2 00
Peter Gendron,	" .....	12 35
William Gannon,	" .....	2 00
B. F. Harding,	" .....	2 00
J. L. Harding,	" .....	3 73
G. W. Howe,	" .....	2 00
W. R. Harrison,	" .....	2 00
W. H. Jones,	" .....	20 11
Peter Lovely,	" .....	4 60
Martin Lavelle,	" .....	2 00
Frank Liberty,	" .....	2 00
Lewis Leo,	" .....	2 00
E. A. Leadbetter,	" .....	2 00
W. F. Manning,	" .....	2 00
George Merrill,	" .....	2 00
Jos. Savoir,	" .....	2 00
Patrick Toomey,	" .....	8 87
Ambrose Tyler,	" .....	2 00
Sylvester Phipps,	" .....	23 00
Lowell Temple, heirs	" .....	23
John B. Bird,	" .....	15 53
Emma E. Ingraham,	" .....	16 10
Harriet A. Winchester	" .....	16 10
C. A. Hovey,	" .....	14 94
Jeremiah Sanford,	" .....	2 00

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 \$445 24

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 \$490 40

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. ESTE, *Town Treasurer* in account with the town of Southborough, from Feb. 28, 1880, to March 1, 1881.

## DR.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1880.....	\$1,903 38
" received from Town of Milford, paupers.....	3 50
" " " Arlington Five-Cent Savings Bank..	5,000 00
" " " Temporary Loan.....	7,850 64
" " " L. W. Newton, Collector.....	14,559 12
" " " F. Este.....	52 55
" " " State Treas. Corporation Tax.....	496 56
" " " " " National Bank Tax...	936 94
" " " " " State Aid.....	158 00
" " " " " relief indigent soldiers.	12 00
" " " " " School Fund.....	184 84
" " " County Treas. Dog Money.....	169 00
" " " C. B. Sawin, grass, loam, etc.....	11 50
" " " Town of Grafton, paupers.....	22 00
" " " " Clinton.....	20 35
" " " " Auburn.....	6 50
" " " " Westboro,'.....	70 00
" " " Town House Committee.....	146 00
" " " Cemetery lots.....	14 00
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	\$31,616 88.

## CR.

By cash paid orders of Selectmen.....	\$6,499 98
" " School Committee.....	4,768 33
" " Overseers of the Poor.....	2,412 06
" Temporary loan.....	8,000 00
" Interest on Town Debt.....	1,867 50
" State Aid.....	166 00
" " Tax.....	1,155 00
" L. W. Newton, Treasurer Fay Library...	84 50
" State Treas. National Bank Tax.....	16 08
" Note paid commonwealth.....	5,000 00
" Balance in the Treasury.....	1,647 43
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	\$31,616 88.

F. ESTE, *Treasurer*.

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 1, 1881.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of Southborough respectfully submit the following report :

Acting under the requirements of a clause of the Constitution of the State, which provides that "There shall be a valuation of estates within the commonwealth taken anew once in every ten years at least," we have made a careful valuation the past year, of the real and personal property in town subject to taxation. We have deposited a copy of the valuation book in the office of the Secretary of the commonwealth, as the law requires.

The following are the principal statistics and aggregates concerning taxation of 1880 :

Total valuation of personal property taxed.....	\$283,571
Total valuation of real estate taxed .....	1,015,037

Total valuation of property taxed.....	1,298,608
Number of polls taxed.....	535
Tax on polls, each.....	2 00
Amount of State tax.....	1,155
Amount of County tax.....	1,120
Town grants.....	14,100

Total .....	16,375
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We deducted estimated amount to be received from State

Treasurer for bank and corporation taxes .....	993
Total amount to be raised .....	\$15,382 00
Amount of overlayings.....	622 98

Total amount of taxes.....	\$16,004 98
Rate per cent. of tax.....	.0115
Number of dwelling houses.....	389 1-2
Number of horses.....	348
Number of cows.....	912
Number of sheep.....	3
Number acres of land taxed.....	9594
Money at interest, taxed—secured by mortgage.....	\$57,025
Money at interest, taxed—not secured.....	39,890
Cash taxed.....	740

Public stocks and securities.....	\$13,875
Stocks in corporations out of the State.....	32,399
We have abated taxes of 1875, to the amount of.....	3 20
“ “ 1876, “ .....	2 29
“ “ 1877, “ .....	10 62
“ “ 1878, “ .....	32 82
“ “ 1879, “ .....	20 39
“ “ 1880, “ .....	69 70

The appropriation for Repair of Highways was \$1,800.

We divided the same in accordance with the vote of the town, and set to the highway surveyors the respective amounts due to their Districts, to wit:

Dist. No. 1.	To Franklin Este .....	\$369 25
“ 2.	Wm. Jennison.....	92 58
“ 3.	S. G. Hosmer.....	116 75
“ 4.	Joseph Fairbanks.....	228 29
“ 5.	John Maley.....	86 25
“ 6.	F. A. Dorr.....	204 91
“ 7.	Ephraim Ward.....	207 59
“ 8.	Charles B. Sawin.....	125 14
“ 9.	William Collins.....	84 43
“ 10.	Israel G. Howe.....	67 27
“ 11.	W. A. Angier.....	94 25
“ 12.	Samuel L. Long.....	92 30
“ 13.	Adoniram J. Newton.....	30 99

\$1,800 00

DEXTER NEWTON,

SAMUEL TAFT,

BENJAMIN F. PIERCE,

*Assessors of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1881.

## FAY LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Fay Library herewith present their report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881. The following statistics have been furnished by the Librarian, Miss Francena E. Buck, to wit :

The whole number of Books in Library.....	4,089
Number delivered during past year.....	8,206
Average number delivered weekly.....	158
Greatest number delivered to one family.....	221
Greatest number delivered in one week.....	238
Number of books donated to Library in past year.....	41
Number lost.....	1
Amount of fines collected.....	\$16 56
Amount of fines not collected.....	75

Total amount of fines.....\$17 31

Respectfully submitted, for the Trustees,

DEXTER NEWTON,

*Secretary.*

L. W. NEWTON IN ACCOUNT WITH FAY LIBRARY AS TREASURER.

Dr.

Feb. 28, 1880.

To cash on hand, including notes.....	\$1,916 84
"    received from F. Este, Treasurer, interest on notes.....	100 00
To cash received from F. Este, Treas., dog fund....	84 50
"    "    Librarian, for fines .....	16 56
"    "    interest on money.....	11 84

2,129 74

Cr.

By cash paid for books.....	151 74
"    "    "    .....	30 56
"    on hand, including notes.....	1,947 44

\$2,129 74

Feb. 28, 1881.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. NEWTON,

*Treasurer.*

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Committee herewith present their annual report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881 :

### AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR WORK IN OLD CEMETERY.

Paid Hugh Heenan .....	\$128 79
Allen McQuarrie .....	25 50
Wm. Muchmore.....	14 18
C. Temple .....	3 00
F. A. Winchester.....	6 00
P. Salmon .....	2 50
P. Currun .....	7 28
	\$187 25

### EXPENDED IN NEW CEMETERY.

Paid Henry Newton.....	\$54 05	
Pratt Brothers .....	1 25	
		55 30
Whole amount expended.....		242 55
Appropriation .....		300 00
Balance unexpended.....		57 45
Income of funds left by Mrs. S. Fay, on hand Feb. 28, 1880	6 50	
“ “ “ “ for the year 1880.....	5 00	
Balance on hand Feb. 28, 1881.....		\$11 50

Your Committee would recommend that the old cemetery be seeded to grass, with the addition of some kind of fertilizer ; also a new gate is needed at the entrance. It might be well to remove or repair the old Powder House in said yard.

F. ESTE,

*For the Committee.*

## TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

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The Town House Committee herewith present their report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881 :

DR.		
To cash received for rent of hall.....	\$146 00	
CR.		
By cash paid for gasoline .....	32 68	
“ “ wood .....	14 75	
“ “ kerosene .....	69	
“ Curtis Hyde, janitor .....	79 50	
“ Treasurer .....	18 38	
	\$146 00	
Wood and gasoline on hand Feb. 28, 1880.....	25 00	
Wood and gasoline on hand Feb. 28, 1881.....	20 00	

CURTIS HYDE,  
H. F. WILSON,  
C. B. SAWIN,

Feb. 28, 1881.

*Town House Committee.*

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## MEMORIAL DAY.

Report of Quartermaster of Post 44, G. A. R., of money expended Memorial Day, May 30th, 1880 :

Paid for flowers.....	\$10 50
“ Maj. Geo. S. Merrill, orator, \$25, expenses \$2..	27 00
“ Charles H. Miller, band.....	25 00
“ Orlando Fay, transportation of band.....	5 00
“ Henry Newton, sexton.....	2 00
“ for flags.....	2 50
“ for printing.....	2 25
“ for painting vases.....	2 00
“ for teams.....	4 50
	\$80 75

FRANCIS WRIGHT.

*Quartermaster.*

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

The Town Clerk presents his annual report for the year ending  
Jan. 1, 1881 :

Births registered .....	32
males .....	14
females .....	18
Marriages registered.....	19
Deaths registered.....	21
males .....	12
females.....	9

## DEATHS.

DATE.	NAMES.	YEARS.	MTHS.	DAYS.
Jan. 3,	Thomas Mannix.....	4		9
" 14,	William B. Wood.....	80	10	2
Feb. 14,	Sewell L. Jones.....	76	8	16
Apr. 18,	Daniel W. Cronin.....	20	5	23
" 20,	Adaliza H. Newton.....	50		
May 2,	Hattie B. Nye.....	7	2	19
" 4,	Ellen A. Gledhill.....	33	1	4
June 25,	James F. Murphy.....	17	1	1
July 28,	Sarah J. Chandler.....	18	6	19
" 31,	Joseph Hinkley.....		2	14
Aug. 8,	Laura Howe.....	80	5	24
" 19,	Samuel Clark.....	64	8	4
Sept. 8,	George W. Goodnow.....	76	7	25
" 25,	Ovile Senecal.....		2	14
Oct. 9,	Delia L. Buck.....	25	6	26
" 11	Curtis Newton.....	76	10	28
" 17	Abigail Parsons.....	60	6	3
" 30,	Emory Goulding.....	79	10	15
Nov. 18,	Susie Mitchell.....	30	1	29
" 30,	Charles Sayers.....	76	11	6
Dec. 29,	Mary L. Sayers.....	5	1	

## DOGS LICENSED.

Whole number licensed, 98—males 93, females 5.

Paid County Treasurer.....\$191 40

Respectfully submitted,

F. ESTE,

*Town Clerk.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, Feb. 28, 1881.

## STATE AID.

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Paid during the year :

Anna B. Bellows.....	\$48 00
John A. Hunt.....	48 00
Thomas Boyd, Jr.....	66 00
M. G. Bullard.....	4 00

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\$166 00

## SINKING FUND.

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*To the Town of Southborough :*

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund submit the following report :

Amount loaned on mortgage, March 1, 1880.....	\$3,000 00
Cash in hands Treasurer of Sinking Fund.....	200 58
Received of Town Treasurer.....	1,000 00
Received for interest.....	225 00

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4,425 58

Amount loaned on mortgage, March 1, 1881.....	4,300 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer of Sinking Fund.....	125 58

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4,425 58

Sinking Fund, including unpaid interest, March 1, 1880...	3,223 18
Appropriated by the Town for the year 1880 .....	1,000 00
Income from interest.....	236 74

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4,459 92

Amount of Sinking Fund March 1, 1881 :

Loaned on mortgage.....	4,300 00
Interest accrued and unpaid.....	34 34
Cash in hands of Treasurer of Sinking Fund.....	125 58

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\$4,459 92

H. WILLSON,  
J. H. ROBINSON,  
W. H. BUCK,

*Commissioners of Sinking Fund.*

March 1, 1881.

# TOWN DEBT.

Statement of Town debts and assets, February 28, 1881 :

## INDEBTEDNESS.

Fay Library.....	\$1,500 00	
Funded debt.....	30,000 00	
Interest to date.....	733 12	
	<hr/>	32,233 12

## ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury.....	1,647 43	
Uncollected taxes.....	457 85	
Sinking Fund.....	4,459 92	
Due from State (State Aid).....	194 00	
	<hr/>	6,759 20

Town debt February 28, 1881.....	<hr/>	\$25,473 92
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# LIST OF JURORS.

We propose and recommend the following persons as jurors :

Benj. F. Pierce,	Hubbard Willson,
J. W. Hammond,	J. F. Pearl,
Forest E. Day,	John Blair,
William P. Willson,	W. I. C. Hobbs,
Henry H. Newton,	H. F. Webster,
O. L. Gridley,	Francis Fisher,
Richardson Goddard,	C. L. Johnson,
Harrison Neal,	J. I. Marshall,
Warren Parmenter,	Curtis Hyde,
Samuel Taft,	A. E. Bacon,
John A. Page,	F. W. Hayden,
Samuel E. Parker,	John Maley,
Marshall S. Fay,	William Jennison,
Josiah Stone,	E. H. Chamberlain,
William Damon,	Samuel F. Fay,
William E. Peck,	A. B. Jones,
Samuel L. Long,	D. Clinton Nichols.
Michael Mitchell,	

C. B. SAWIN,  
J. W. HAMMOND,  
JOSEPH FAIRBANKS,

March 1, 1881.

*Selectmen of Southborough.*

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH,  
FOR THE  
SCHOOL YEAR 1880-81.

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MARLBOROUGH:  
THE TIMES PUBLISHING COMPANY, PRINTERS.  
1881.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

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Your Committee having fulfilled the duties assigned them, respectfully submit to the citizens of Southborough their Annual Report,—

In doing this, we can scarcely forbear expressing a word of congratulation in view of the educational advantages enjoyed by all our community, and in view of the fact that facilities for learning are annually increased and improved.

“The Pilgrim Fathers who colonized Massachusetts Bay, made a bolder innovation upon all pre-existing policy and usages than the world had ever known since the commencement of the Christian era. They adopted special and costly means to train up the whole body of the people to industry, intelligence, virtue and independent thought.” Like the perennial fountains which gush in living streams from every hillside to bless and fertilize every valley, our Free Schools visit in mercy all classes and conditions of society to bless equally the child of poverty and obscurity with the son of wealth and worldly distinction. This just and liberal system is one of the crowning glories of this glorious republic.

A competent critic advises his fellow citizens “To let fresh streams of thought constantly flow about their habits and notions, and to try to see things in their proper light, as they really exist.” The advice, whether heeded or not, is valuable, for it suggests a necessary condition of growth and progress. In the spirit of this counsel the Southborough School Board may claim to have labored the past year, whatever may have been their mistakes.

Considerable business has been done, and several important improvements have been made. Each change has been duly considered, and acted upon in the best light we had, being approached neither with the presumption that everything accomplished hitherto had been perfect and incapable of improvement, nor, yet, with the idea that past experience had settled nothing. Remembering that in school work, advancement must be slow, we have wrought with caution and

have refrained from making hasty changes lest time should show them premature. While we have had the supervision of a comparatively limited number of schools, we deem our work of first importance. Necessary alterations have been effected in regard to the management of the schools.

It remains for the future to fully determine whether or not wise counsels have guided our deliberations. While our schools in the main were creditable, yet they seemed to lack system ; and it has been attempted in the past year to put them into something like a systematized grade. New books have been put into all our schools, in order that the desired benefits from grading might be more fully assured. Reading matter, other than that in text books in daily use, in primary schools, was last year introduced and mentioned in the annual report, and it has been found highly useful by encouraging in beginners a more correct habit and livelier interest in this all-important branch of learning. It is to be hoped that the time is not distant when there will be heard less poor reading, and that good reading will be less rare. The modern practice of furnishing our youth with blackboards, crayons, slates, pencils, pens, paper and all first class writing materials, has greatly stimulated both teachers and pupils to make improvements in the hitherto much neglected, but very important art of writing. The improvement in penmanship in our schools is of a marked character. Many of our primary scholars are now capable of writing a good business hand and in some instances even ornamental.

Teachers are required to look carefully to the preservation of the valuable globes, maps, supplementary readers and other apparatus recently placed in all our schools. We have not put you off with second class fixtures, but have given you first class,—those of acknowledged excellence and utility. We shall expect teachers to make constant use of them, remembering that none of them are to be treated as playthings, or to amuse the indolent. Teachers will be held, in a large measure, responsible for the good appearance and preservation of these valuable helps in their daily work, in the school-room. The expense of these supplies may seem too great, but the liberal views and generous appropriations of the town, have encouraged us to hope that you will sustain us in making this much needed change. It has been our special endeavor to avoid measures which might become detrimental to any previous good work accomplished. We have carefully con-

sidered each progressive movement, and thus far, all seem to be producing the happy results anticipated.

The Committee have been entirely unanimous in every movement for the advancement of our educational interests, and have often met for consultation and business, having devoted much time to the consideration of ways and means. Whether we have been wisely guided or not, remains for future developments to determine.

The establishment of two new Grammar schools necessitated the remodeling of the school house in Ward 3. The work reflects credit upon all parties connected with it. The building Committee are deserving of much of our gratitude for the manner in which they carried to completion the somewhat difficult enterprise. One Grammar school was placed in the Peters High school building, and has been taught separately the full year, losing none of its individuality by occupying the same building. Although the number has been small, it has shown very favorable results, having received the time and energies of a competent teacher, who has also labored zealously and effectually in the interests of the High school and has assisted largely in its work.

The instincts of a child naturally lead him to playfulness and to be guided by the flow of animal spirits. Left to himself he will indulge in idleness or undue sportiveness, instead of applying his mind to the acquisition of knowledge, at a time when every step has a most important bearing on his whole life; and lest he let the advantages of youthful training slip beyond his reach without being benefited by the almost innumerable appliances offered him, and remain at the foot of the hill of science instead of reaching the sunny height, it is scarcely possible to devote too much care and effort to benefit our primary schools. In view of the value and importance of early training, we have, therefore, endeavored to place in our graded primary schools, teachers of talent and acquirements inferior to no others in town.

Your committee have felt it to be their privilege to assist teachers in maintaining good order by all lawful means, and have had the satisfaction of knowing that good order has generally prevailed. We have not neglected to insist that children should be taught good behavior, especially reverence for superiors, and habits of courtesy and morality. We distinctly recognize, through the efforts of several of our teachers, an improvement in the deportment of many children, both in the school-room and on the street.

We wish to call the attention of parents and guardians to the frequent and unnecessary tardiness and absence from school. Nothing short of sickness ought to permit a pupil to absent himself from the school-room. It is with pleasure that we notice the number of scholars who have not been absent during a full term of school. We find it to be 32 in the Spring term, 32 in the Autumn, and 21 in the Winter, or 85 during the year were present a full term. We herewith present the names of six scholars who were not absent during the entire year,—Joseph Bowles of Ward 1, George W. Rice of Ward 2, Nellie L. Howard, Herbert B. Howard, and Ernest A. Howard of Ward 5, and Willie A. Fairbanks of Ward 7. By reference to last year's report, you will perceive that Willie A. Fairbanks has not been absent from school for two full years. We may be allowed here to remark that, almost without exception, those who make the fullest time in school, make also the best scholars.

It is earnestly hoped by the committee that all parties interested will co-operate to make effective the following resolution,—

*Resolved*, That in case of the breaking out of any contagious disease at the home or residence of any members of the public schools, the teacher be instructed to prohibit the attendance at school of any from such place and to immediately notify the School Board of said action.

*Voted*, That teachers be at their respective school-houses fifteen minutes before the time of commencing school, and that recesses be limited to fifteen minutes.

Teachers are also expected to attend promptly all regularly appointed teachers' meetings.

*Voted*, In the matter of truants, that, whenever a pupil is absent from school without sending a proper excuse, the teacher shall, upon the following day, notify the parent or guardian by written or printed notice, which may be sent by a pupil. If the absence continues for three days, and no excuse is received, the teacher shall investigate the case; and for still continued absence, without satisfactory excuse, shall report the matter to the committee.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare for publication in the report the educational statistics of the town for twenty years; also the grade recently introduced into the Public Schools of the town.

*Voted*, To admit scholars to the Peters High School by written examination, and that 75 per cent. correct answers be required for admission.

It is believed that it would be for the interest of our schools to have public examinations less frequently, and that, perhaps once a year at the close of the Spring term, would be the most favorable time.

The Spring term of the High, Grammar and Ward schools will commence April 11, 1881. The Autumn term will commence August 29, 1881. The Winter term will commence November 28, 1881. The Spring, Autumn and Winter terms may be expected to close, respectively, on July 1, 1881, November 18, 1881 and Feb. 24, 1882. It is intended to make the length of each term 12 weeks. The Winter term will have a vacation of one week at Christmas.

The Peters High and Center Grammar schools will commence one week before the Spring term, or on April 4, and one week before the regular time of the Autumn term, or on Aug. 22, thus giving them a full year of nine and one-half months.

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The town appropriation for schools was.....	\$4,500 00
“ “ “ “ incidentals was.....	500 00
“ “ “ income from the Mass. school fund was.....	184 84
“ “ “ one-half the dog money was.....	84 50
“ “ “ W. Kenerson, tuition, was.....	55 00
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	\$5,324 34

Orders drawn on Town Treasurer for schools.....	\$3,906 86
“ “ “ “ incidentals.....	861 47
Cash to pay for care of house and fuel at West end.....	55 00
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	\$4,823 33

Balance with Town Treasurer.....	\$501 01
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The whole number of children in town May 1, 1880, between the ages of 5 and 15 years was.....	348
The number between the ages of 8 and 14 years.....	238
“ “ attending school under 5 years of.....	5
“ “ “ “ over 15 years of.....	23
“ “ of different teachers employed.....	16
“ “ “ males.....	2
“ “ “ females.....	14
“ “ “ schools.....	11

## SCHOOL STATISTICS.

POSITION.	YEARS. TERMS.	TEACHERS' NAMES.	Length of each School in weeks.	Teachers' Wages per month.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average number belonging.	Average attend- ance of Scholars.	No. of Scholars not absent.
The Peters, High School,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Samuel F. Blodgett, " "	14 15 11	\$80 80 80	32 29 26	30 28 26	27 27 24	3 0 5
South Grammar,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Lewis G. Wilson, Cora B. Ambrose, "	11 11 12	48 40 40	36 31 36	32 26 31	30 24 28	5 3 4
Fayville Grammar,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Emma J. Putnam, " "	11 8 12	32 32 32	18 24 22	18 23 21	17 21 18	6 8 1
Center Grammar,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Cora B. Ambrose, Annie E. Searles, "	14 15 11	32 36 36	12 10 9	10 9 9	9 9 8	0 0 1
Ward 1,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Lucy N. Fisher, " "	11 11 12	32 32 32	44 35 33	44 35 33	37 30 26	5 3 1
Ward 2,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Charlesetta Livermore, " "	11 11 12	28 28 32	24 18 18	19 16 16	16 14 12	1 2 1
Ward 3,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Amanda M. Searles, " "	11 11 12	32 32 32	41 35 33	36 34 30	31 30 26	0 2 0
Ward 4,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Elfie M. Fairbanks, Susie W. Onthank, Leafie B. Curtis,	11 11 12	28 28 32	41 35 26	38 32 23	34 28 18	0 0 1
Ward 5,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Cora I. Howard, " "	11 11 12	28 28 28	21 21 19	21 21 18	20 20 17	8 6 3
Ward 6,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Hattie L. Howe, " "	11 11 12	28 28 28	20 19 18	16 14 16	15 13 11	0 1 0
Ward 7,	Spring, Autumn, Winter,	Hattie L. Estey, Nettie M. Cook, "	11 10 3	32 28 32	38 43 38	34 41 36	31 35 32	4 7 4
		Isota L. Tyler,	9	32	38	36	32	4
Total...	1880-81	For the full year.....	382		300	279	247	85
P. H. S.	Year,	Peters High School,	40	\$800	29	28	26	0
So. Gram.	Year,	So. Grammar "	34	362	34	30	27	0
Fay. Gram.	Year,	Fayville " "	31	248	21	21	19	0
Cen. Gram.	Year,	Center " "	40	346	10	10	9	0
Ward 1,	Year,	Center School,	34	272	37	37	31	1
Ward 2,	Year,	East End "	34	250	20	17	14	1
Ward 3,	Year,	Fayville "	34	272	36	33	29	0
Ward 4,	Year,	Cordaville "	34	250	34	31	27	0
Ward 5,	Year,	Flagg Dist. "	34	238	20	20	19	3
Ward 6,	Year,	West End "	34	238	19	15	13	0
Ward 7,	Year,	Southville "	33	254	40	37	33	1
Total...	1880-81	For the full year.....	382	\$3,530	300	279	247	6

# SCHOOL STATISTICS OF SOUTHBOROUGH, FOR THE YEAR 1880-81.

SCHOOLS.	Wages of Teachers.	Cost of Fuel.	Care of Houses.	Incidentals.	Total Expenses.	Expenses per Scholar.
Peters High School .....	\$800	\$60 00	\$30 00	\$120 44	\$1,010 44	\$34 84
South Grammar .....	362	25 63	12 00	52 58	452 21	13 30
Fayville Grammar .....	248	25 28	9 50	84 32	367 10	17 48
Center Grammar .....	346	12 95	5 50	40 32	404 77	40 48
Ward 1 .....	272	18 80	9 75	15 75	316 30	8 55
Ward 2 .....	250	17 30	11 75	102 96	382 01	19 10
Ward 3 .....	272	25 30	11 00	62 51	370 81	10 30
Ward 4 .....	250	35 75	8 00	9 93	303 68	8 93
Ward 5 .....	238	15 75	11 50	12 87	278 12	13 91
Ward 6 .....	238	40 00	25 00	18 75	321 75	16 93
Ward 7 .....	254	19 87	10 00	23 58	307 45	7 69
Totals Similar .....	\$3,530	\$296 63	\$144 00	\$544 01	\$4,514 64	\$15 05

One hundred and twenty orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer, covering,—

Table of School Statistics .....	\$4,514 64
New books put in schools .....	224 12
Supplementary readers .....	54 60
Printing .....	12 36
Stamp for marking books, etc. ....	6 00
Fares on railroad .....	6 20
Sundries .....	5 41
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Treasurer's balance .....	\$4,823 33
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	\$5,324 34

All books, maps, etc., belonging to the town have been marked as "The Property of Southboro," and an accurate record of their names and numbers has been preserved.

Following will be found a tabular statement of the new books, apparatus, etc., recently put into the public schools. Teachers' desks were largely supplied without charge.

The cost of the new books put into the public schools was..	\$440 12
Income from old books exchanged was .....	216 00
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Balance cost as per statement .....	\$224 12

# TABLE OF NEW BOOKS AND APPARATUS SUPPLIED.

FRANKLIN READERS, ETC., PUT INTO THE SCHOOLS																	6th Reader.	5th Reader.	4th Reader.	3d Reader.	2d Reader.	1st Reader.	Arith. Bradbury's, Eaton's Practical.	Arithmetic. Eaton's Elements.	Arithmetic. Eaton's Intellectual.	Arithmetic. Eaton's New Primary.	Harper's School Geography.	Harper's Introductory Geography.	Patterson's Speller.	New Maps.	New Globes.	Numerical Frames.
Peters High School.....	24	....	....	....	....	....	34	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
South Grammar.....	....	43	....	....	....	....	43	....	....	....	43	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
Fayville Grammar.....	....	13	....	....	....	....	16	....	....	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
Center Grammar.....	....	8	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
Ward 1.....	....	10	14	6	4	10	10	....	....	8	10	15	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
" 2.....	....	14	4	7	6	5	13	....	....	7	12	9	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
" 3.....	....	....	12	11	6	36	....	3	....	10	....	18	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
" 4.....	....	13	9	8	4	10	11	....	....	....	9	14	26	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
" 5.....	....	6	6	2	4	4	6	....	....	4	6	7	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
" 6.....	....	....	7	3	2	2	....	....	....	1	3	6	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
" 7.....	....	....	10	9	7	6	3	....	1	5	6	14	19	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
Total.....	24	107	62	46	33	73	148	3	1	35	115	83	203	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				
SUPPLIES FOR THE TEACHERS' DESKS.—MARKED.																																
Peters High School.....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	2	....				
South Grammar.....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	1	....				
Fayville Grammar.....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	....				
Center Grammar.....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	1	....				
Ward 1.....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
" 2.....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
" 3.....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
" 4.....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
" 5.....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
" 6.....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
" 7.....	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Total.....	1	10	8	8	8	8	10	4	6	6	11	8	10	30	12	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....				

# NAMES

OF

## SCHOOL COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS.

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- 1860-61. Jonas Fay, Henry H. Peters, Richardson Goddard.  
 1862. Henry H. Peters, Richardson Goddard, Peter Fay.  
 1863. Richardson Goddard, Peter Fay, Henry H. Peters.  
 1864. Peter Fay, Henry H. Peters, Jonas Fay.  
 1865. Henry H. Peters, Jonas Fay, Richardson Goddard.  
 1866. Jonas Fay, Richardson Goddard, John Colby.  
 1867. Richardson Goddard, John Colby, Jonas Fay.  
 1868. John Colby, Jonas Fay, Samuel Appleton.  
 1869. Jonas Fay, Samuel Appleton, John Colby.  
 1870. John Colby, J. H. Robinson, D. W. Mitchell.  
 1871. Richardson Goddard, Dexter Newton, D. W. Mitchell.  
 1872. Dexter Newton, D. W. Mitchell.  
 1873. Jonas Fay, Richardson Goddard, John Colby.  
 1874. Richardson Goddard, Hubbard Willson, Jonas Fay.  
 1875. Andrew Bigelow, Hubbard Willson, Jonas Fay.  
 1876. Andrew Bigelow, Jonas Fay, Hubbard Willson.  
 1877. Andrew Bigelow, Dexter Newton, E. B. B. Fay.  
 1878. Andrew Bigelow, Dexter Newton, E. B. B. Fay.  
 1879. Andrew Bigelow, Dexter Newton, Edward Burnett.  
 1879-80. Andrew Bigelow, Charles N. Miller, William K. Davey,  
 William Damon, Michael Noonan, B. F. Prentiss.

## SCHEDULE OF GRADE.

### WARD PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

#### FIRST YEAR.

*Reading*—Primer to page 60, words taught from blackboard by word method. *Numbers*—Teach Arabic and Roman numbers used in numbering pages and lessons in Primer. *Writing and Language*—Copy words from blackboard and write in script, lessons in Primer—no printing. *Oral Lessons*—Associate words with things, teach days of week, names of familiar objects.

#### SECOND YEAR.

*Reading*—Primer finished, Second Reader to page 80, supplementary reading. *Numbers*—Write at dictation numbers to 1000—make tables in addition and subtraction—add sums amounting to 50. *Geography*—Orally with globe, shape of earth; continents, oceans, etc. *Language*—Use words in spelling lessons in original sentences. *Writing*—On slate and blackboard, copy, or at dictation, write all lessons in reader, using capitals and punctuation marks. *Spelling*—Oral and written from readers. *Oral Lessons*—In form, lessons, color (primary) and time.

#### THIRD YEAR.

*Reading*—Second Reader finished, supplementary reading and Third Reader to page 55. *Arithmetic*—Primary Arithmetic, work in short division with divisors as high as twelve. *Writing*—Book No. 1,—Spelling lessons and language lessons. *Language*—Original sentences from words in reader. *Geography*—Oral from map of hemispheres; political divisions of continents, capital cities, principal rivers, etc. *Spelling*—Same as second year.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

*Reading*—Third Reader to page 169, with supplementary reading. *Arithmetic*—Primary two terms, Elements third term. *Writing*—Copy book No. 2, spelling and language lessons. *Geography*—Introductory to lesson 24. *Language*—Use defined words of reading lessons in original sentences. *Spelling*—All words in reading lessons, Patterson's Speller begun. *Oral Lessons*—Railways and canals, products of United States.

## FIFTH YEAR.

*Reading*—Third Reader finished, Fourth to page 112, with supplementary reading. *Arithmetic*—Elements and intellectual. *Writing*—Copy-book No. 3, spelling lessons, language lessons, written examinations. *Language*—Continued as in fourth year. *Spelling*—Words in readers, geographical names and Speller continued. *Geography*—Introductory to lesson 50. *Oral Lessons*—Describe metals and learn names of kind of rock in neighborhood.

## SIXTH YEAR.

*Reading*—Fourth Reader finished, with supplementary reading. *Arithmetic*—Elements and Intellectual. *Writing*—Writing books 4 and 5, spelling lessons, language exercises, and written examinations. *Geography*—Introductory completed and reviewed. *Language*—Lessons as above, compositions upon familiar subjects. *Spelling*—Patterson's Speller completed. *Oral Lessons*—Winds, rain, fogs, etc., outlines of American History.

## GRAMMAR GRADE.

## FIRST YEAR.

*Reading*—Fifth Reader, with supplementary reading. *Arithmetic*—Practical Arithmetic to discount. *Geography*—Harper's School Geography through North America, with special geography of New England. *Grammar*—Reed & Kellog's First Book. *Writing*—Continued with books, spelling, language and examinations. *Spelling*—Continued. *Oral Lessons*—Natural Philosophy.

## SECOND YEAR.

*Reading*—Same as first year. *Arithmetic*—Practical completed. *Geography*—School geography completed. *Grammar*—Reed & Kellog's Second book. *Writing*—Same as in first year. *Spelling*—Continued. *Oral Lessons*—Natural Sciences. *History*—United States.

## PETERS HIGH SCHOOL.

## ENGLISH COURSE.

## FIRST YEAR.

*First Term.*—English Analysis, Physical Geography, Algebra.  
*Second Term.*—English Composition begun, Physical Geography, Algebra. *Third Term.*—English Composition, Natural Philosophy, Algebra.

## SECOND YEAR.

*First Term.*—General History, Natural Philosophy, Geometry.  
*Second Term.*—General History, Natural Philosophy, Geometry.  
*Third Term.*—Physiology, Elocution, Geometry.

## THIRD YEAR.

*First Term.*—English History, Civil Government, Geology.  
*Second Term.*—English Literature, Civil Government, Astronomy,  
*Third Term.*—English Literature, Reviews of Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar.

## CLASSICAL COURSE.

## FIRST YEAR.

Same as English Course.

## SECOND YEAR.

*First Term.*—General History, Latin Grammar, Geometry.  
*Second Term.*—General History, Latin Grammar and Reader, Geometry. *Third Term.*—Natural Philosophy, Latin Grammar, Cæsar, Geometry.

## THIRD YEAR.

*First Term.*—Natural Philosophy, Cæsar, Civil Government.  
*Second Term.*—English History, Cæsar, Civil Government. *Third Term.*—English History, Virgil, Rhetoric.

## FOURTH YEAR.

*First Term.*—English Literature, Virgil, Astronomy. *Second Term.*—English Literature, Cicero, Astronomy. *Third Term.*—Cicero, Reviews of English Branches.

## TO TEACHERS.

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Our views in regard to school work may be embodied in the following "Rules and Regulations of the East Saginaw (Mich.) Public Schools." We adopt them as our own.

1. Never teach the definition till that which is to be defined has been clearly apprehended by the pupil.
  2. The thing named should always be learned before the name.
  3. A rule is the statement of a principle or process ; the pupil should never be required to learn one, except as the best expression of what he already knows.
  4. Know thoroughly and familiarly whatever you would teach.
  5. Gain and keep the attention of your pupils, and excite their interest in the subject.
  6. Use language which your pupils fully understand, and clearly explain every new word required.
  7. Begin with what is already known, and proceed to the unknown by easy and natural steps.
  8. Excite the self activities of the pupils, and lead them to discover the truth for themselves.
  9. Require pupils (better by writing) to re-state fully and correctly, in their own language and with their own proofs and illustrations the truths taught them.
  10. Teach only that which is practical and useful, and by the most approved methods ; reject the mere theoretical and useless.
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Herewith will be found a list of the names of the several School Boards for twenty years, and also school statistics for each year as by them reported. The several school grades are also given. We respectfully present these tables and other matters for your careful examination.

WILLIAM DAMON,  
WILLIAM E. PECK,  
MICHAEL NOONAN,  
SAMUEL F. BLODGETT,  
*School Committee of Southborough.*

SOUTHBOROUGH, March 5, 1881.

EXTRACTS  
FROM THE  
STATUTES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ETC.

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[Chap. 303.]

An Act to amend the Laws relating to School Registers and Returns.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. The School Committees shall annually in the month of May, ascertain, or cause to be ascertained, the names and ages of all persons belonging to their respective towns and cities on the first day of May, between the ages of five and fifteen years, and make a record thereof.

[Approved June 4, 1874.]

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[Chap. 21.]

An Act to provide a Penalty for withholding Information sought by School Committees or their Agents.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, who shall withhold the information in his possession and sought by the School Committees or their Agents, as required by chapter three hundred and three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, or falsify in regard to the same, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a term not exceeding thirty days.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved February 12, 1879.]

# SOUTHBOROUGH'S EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS FOR TWENTY YEARS.

COLLATED FROM THE REPORTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Table A.

Years in Table.	For twenty years, or from 1870-80.	From Vols. Nos. 25-44	Population of the Town.	Valuation of the Town.	Raised by taxes for Public Schools, including wages of Teachers, board, fuel, care of fires and school-rooms.	No. of Public Schools.	No. of different Scholars in the Public Schools during the school year.	Average attendance in the Public Schools during the sch. year.	No. of Scholars in town between 3 and 13 yrs. of age on the 1st of May.	Scholars over 15 years of age who attended the Public Schools.	Scholars under 15 yrs. of age who attended the Public Schools.	No. of different teachers in the Public Schools		No. Teachers in Normal Schools.	No. Graduates of Normal Schools.	Average wages of Teachers per month, including the value of board.		Average length of the Public Schools for the year, in months and days.		Average length, as returned by the town Committee.	
												Ma.	Fe.			Males.	Fem.	Mos.	Dys.	Mos.	Dys.
1	1860-61	25	1854	\$952,552 00	\$2,000 00	9	331	266	341	60	12	3	7	.	.	\$46 00	\$21 64	67	..	7	9
2	1861-62	26	1854	952,552 00	2,000 00	9	328	273	327	61	10	1	8	.	.	61 20	21 03	68	8	7	12
3	1862-63	27	1854	952,552 00	1,846 50	9	315	254	307	66	14	1	8	.	.	50 00	20 40	64	..	7	2
4	1863-64	28	1854	952,552 00	2,086 50	9	339	257	315	24	6	1	8	.	.	60 00	21 63	68	11	7	12
5	1864-65	29	1750	957,409 00	2,111 44	9	334	278	345	37	12	1	8	.	.	73 50	22 45	46	7	5	3
6	1865-66	30	1750	957,409 00	2,300 00	9	360	351	346	47	16	1	9	.	.	80 00	24 44	62	5	6	11
7	1866-67	31	1750	957,409 00	3,000 00	9	353	332	333	37	11	1	9	.	.	80 00	25 32	71	9	7	19
8	1867-68	32	1750	957,409 00	3,300 00	9	400	287	417	30	15	3	15	.	.	85 50	26 12	78	12	8	14
9	1868-69	33	1750	957,409 00	3,500 00	9	418	310	419	41	2	1	13	.	.	120 00	28 45	77	16	8	13
10	1869-70	34	2135	957,409 00	4,000 00	10	437	309	450	53	5	3	12	.	.	97 50	30 00	80	10	8	12
11	1870-71	35	2135	957,409 00	4,500 00	10	534	314	464	48	7	3	14	.	.	97 50	34 88	89	11	8	19
12	1871-72	36	2135	1,371,818 00	4,500 00	10	481	279	427	58	7	3	16	.	.	97 50	36 22	86	10	8	13
13	1872-73	37	2135	1,391,240 48	4,500 00	10	380	254	390	25	4	2	12	.	.	91 50	38 00	83	5	8	6
14	1873-74	38	2135	1,391,240 48	4,500 00	10	403	300	381	46	1	1	11	.	.	140 66	39 10	82	2	8	2
15	1874-75	39	1986	1,378,847 00	5,000 00	10	452	309	423	32	4	2	13	.	.	102 22	37 50	82	4	8	4
16	1875-76	40	1986	1,401,967 00	5,000 00	10	360	289	374	42	4	1	17	3	.	133 33	37 97	85	..	9	..
17	1876-77	41	1986	1,313,413 00	4,500 00	10	422	290	379	50	11	3	11	2	.	64 33	35 00	81	8	8	2
18	1877-78	42	1986	1,295,377 00	4,500 00	10	420	278	359	52	7	2	13	4	3	94 00	35 00	77	13	7	51
19	1878-79	43	1986	1,276,615 00	4,000 00	10	435	272	355	58	19	3	14	5	4	85 20	33 17	73	10	8	4
20	1879-80	44	2142	1,298,608 00	4,000 00	9	373	252	357	23	16	3	14	5	3	72 78	31 38	77	15	8	12
Averages....			1946	\$1,131,564 85	\$3,507 22	9.5	385	288	375	45	9	2	12	4	3	\$86 64	\$29 99	75	03	7	19



# SOUTHBOROUGH'S EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS FOR TWENTY YEARS.

COLLATED FROM THE REPORTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Table C.			HIGH SCHOOLS.					Incorporated Academies.		Unincor'd Acad'es and Priv. Schools.		Am't of School Funds, the income of which can be appropriated only for the support of academies and schools.	Income from local School Fund.	Income of Funds appropriated to Public Schools at the option of the town, including the tax on Dogs.	Amount contributed for board and fuel for the Public Schools.	Salary of Supt. of the Public Schools.
Years in Table.	For twenty years, or from 1860-61 to 1879-80.	From Vols. Nos. 23-44	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	How supported.	Length. Mos.    Dys.	Salary of Princel. pal.	No. of Schools.	Average number of Scholars.	Aggregate paid for Tuition.	No. of Schools.	Average number of Scholars.	Aggregate paid for Tuition.		
1	1860-61	25	1	1	30	Taxation.	10 ..	\$600 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$71 62	\$.....
2	1861-62	26	1	1	32	"	9 15	585 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	43 98	.....
3	1862-63	27	1	1	33	"	9 10	475 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
4	1863-64	28	1	1	28	"	10 ..	600 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	30 00	.....
5	1864-65	29	1	1	33	"	10 ..	735 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	260 00	.....
6	1865-66	30	1	1	41	"	10 ..	800 00	1 20	88,000 00	2 44	850 00	..	..	50 00	.....
7	1866-67	31	1	2	42	"	9 11	800 00	1 26	18,400 00	2 20	280 00	..	..	.....	.....
8	1867-68	32	1	1	39	"	9 ..	790 00	1 40	20,000 00	1 12	480 00	..	..	.....	.....
9	1868-69	33	1	2	51	"	7 ..	1,200 00	1 40	8,000 00	1 12	500 00	..	..	.....	.....
10	1869-70	34	1	2	46	"	9 ..	1,140 00	1 41	10,000 00	2 22	640 00	..	..	.....	.....
11	1870-71	35	1	1	35	"	8 10	1,020 00	1 48	12,500 00	3 24	648 00	..	..	.....	.....
12	1871-72	36	1	2	35	"	10 ..	1,200 00	1 45	17,200 00	3 28	700 00	..	..	194 81	60 00
13	1872-73	37	1	1	30	"	9 15	1,200 00	1 56	14,000 00	2 18	750 00	..	..	196 02	.....
14	1873-74	38	1	2	32	"	9 03	1,300 00	1 40	8,250 00	2 21	650 00	..	..	98 36	.....
15	1874-75	39	1	2	46	"	9 ..	1,300 00	1 40	6,500 00	2 25	750 00	..	..	92 34	.....
16	1875-76	40	1	2	44	"	9 ..	1,200 00	1 52	12,000 00	2 27	950 00	..	..	110 29	.....
17	1876-77	41	1	2	80	"	9 10	1,000 00	1 50	13,000 00	2 30	934 00	..	..	99 88	.....
18	1877-78	42	1	2	54	"	9 10	1,200 00	1 45	10,000 00	2 32	910 00	..	..	91 00	.....
19	1878-79	43	1	2	56	"	9 10	1,000 00	1 54	13,500 00	2 33	875 00	..	..	72 66	.....
20	1879-80	44	1	2	34	"	9 10	986 66	1 50	12,000 00	3 38	898 00	..	..	77 61	19 58
Averages....			1	2	41	Taxation.	9 07	\$956 58	1 43	\$12,223 33	2 26	\$667 67	\$.....	\$.....	\$114 77	\$26 76